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'The money won't change me. After all, I'm only a sheet-metal worker's son from Newcastle'

The entire population appeared to be wrapped in black and white stripes to hail Alan Shearer's triumphal return

Jim White

State pension; he is 25 and scrapes by on 230,000 a week, or maybe 235,000 or possibly even 242,000 depending on which tabloid you read. Her last pair of shoes cost her £9.99 from a discount warehouse; he gets paid £500,000 a year to wear his.

She lives in a £40,000 house in Denton Burn, a Newcastle suburb with a fashion bypass; wrapped in black and white he is said to be looking for a place in snazzy Ponteiand, something for around people in replica Newcastle 5750,000. But the moment Bar-bara Donaldeen heard Alan Shearer was coming to her town, she thought she was the suburb with a fashion bypass; he is said to be looking for a

there, to roar and chant as the new man was paraded. Mrs Donaldson was luckier than most. While the 15,000 ware left in a carpark along with the press and 1,400 invi-taes sent tickets by Newcas-tle's sponsors, she found her-self inside the stadium itself. lucky one. "The morning he signed for us I went to get my pension at the post office." said Mrs Donaldson. "Normally, they're a right grunpy lot, but that day everybody in "I've been offered \$100 for my tickets," said Brian Bloomfield from Gateshead, the queue had a smile like a Cheshire cat." Mrs Donaldson was by no means alone in her reaction to the purchase of Shearer for sitting next to Mrs Donald-son. But I wouldn't take it. It to the purchase of shears i for £15 million. On the day he was presented to his army of new lovers (fans is too slight a word) the entire population of Newcastle appeared to be wrapped in black and white wrapped or black

added, pointing to his son, Dean, aged nine, who wasbeaming beside him. "He has to be here on this of all days." Now this is an unexpected thing. Shearer cost enough to

World News

Rye European Union scored a hard-fought victory in Mostar

when Muslim and

Croat local leaders

agreed to run the

town together.

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vious incumbent of the num-ber nine shirt Shearsr is wouldn't be fair on him," he about to make his own, sign-ing for Arsenal. That was the

And Newcastle were not even playing. Fifteen thousand people just wanted to be there, to roar and chant as think be represented the big-said Mrs Donaldson. "That gest bargain this side of a Marks & Spencer prawn we are in a position to com-pete with ManU, who just seem to be able to get what-"I'd have paid the money myself if I had it," said Brian Bloomfield. "This is the best ever they want." Thus the very size of Shear-

ar's fee, the weight of his wage, are seen locally as sym-bolic of a new muscular ambithing to happen to this town since I can remember." Which is the point about Shearer. On the BBC's Match tion abroad in the town, the Nineties equivalent of the of the Seventies broadcast on grandiose town halls the Vic-Monday night, we saw footage of Malcolm Macdonald, a pretorians used to build. "This sends out a signal to the rest of the world," Kevin Keegan, Shearer's new manager, said.

And the man who provided the funds to bring Shearer back to Newcastle was every-where yesterday, making way things used to be around these parts: every time some-one made good he went down "Football has always been part of our tradition," said Sir John Hall, Newcastle United's south: Gascoigne, Waddle, Cole, they all migrated. Now the real thing was coming Newcastle's way. Not only that, he is a Geordie coming owner, bouncing around St James's Park in a pair of unhome. Better still, he was James's Park in a pair snatched out of the grasp of Turn to page 16, col 1

will give Tony Blair's leader-

ship its first serious taste of battle with a confident enemy when the political season resumes next month. The state of the parties in the adjusted August survey shows Labour at 45 per cent (no charge or luby Conser-(no change on July), Conser-vatives 33 (up 3), Liberal Dem-ocrats 19 (down 2), and others

3 (down 1). The results in ICM's unadjusted poll underline the Conjusted poil underline the Con-servative recovery. The unad-justed August figures show Labour at 50 per cent (no change on July), Conserva-tives at 30 (up 5), Liberal Democrats at 18 (down 2), others at 3 (down 2). The un-adjusted Labour lead in August is 20 noints (down 5). August is 20 points (down 5). With nine months to go be fore the expected polling day, the results show the political momentum is with the Conservatives,' who last month launched a major scare cam-

paign against Mr Blair under the slogan New Labour: New Danger.

This latest poll, which con-solidates a trend among other polling organisations, will boost Tory hopes that the long-awaited feelgood factor, which some had despaired of ever seeing, is arriving at the 11th hour via the high street and the housing market to

Labour's rating of 45 per cent Labour. These show that vot-remains unchanged since ers as a whole expect taxes July and has scarcely altered will increase, inflation will since May. The ICM finding follows rise and interest rates will co

up under Labour. But by a narrow majority they believe polls by Mori last week and by System Three in Scotland yesterday which also showed the economy is more likely to deteriorate under the Conno change in the Labour ratservatives

ing. The reduced lead has so far been caused by Conserva- ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,200 adults aged 18 tive gains at the expanse of and over by telephone on 2-3 the Liberal Democrats and August 1996. Interviews were the minor parties. Labour conducted across the country voters are also far more solid and the results have been in their voting intention than weighted by the profile of all weighted by the profile of all adults. their Tory counterparts.

But a five-point swing to the Conservatives since July | Poll findings, page 4



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HE woman at the centre of the row over aborting one of her twins on fi-nancial grounds had the oper-ation a month ago, it emerged last night

Health officials confirmed that the 28-year-old single mother had had an abortion but would give no further details. Doctors at London's Queen Charlotte Hospital agreed to abort one twin after the woman, who already has one child, declared she could not cope with more than one of the babies. In a statement last night,

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Hammersmith Hospitals NHS ; Trust, which includes Queen Charlotte's, said: "Professor Bennett [the doctor who first revealed the woman's dilemmal has spoken to the woman who is happy to confirm that the operation has taken place. She is adamant that she does not want any more details put out."

Britain

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Arepeat of last

month's disorder in

between Protestants

marches broke down.

and Catholics over

Ulsterlooks more

likely after talks

Anti-abortion groups, act-ing in the belief that the operation was still pending, successfully sought an injunction yesterday temporarily ban-ning the abortion on the grounds the woman had not been informed of all the

options. Pro-life groups had received pledges of more than

280,000 to help the woman bring up the twins. Fertility expert Lord Robert Winston said the pledges of cash from pro-life campaigne. Ti is something that is ex-or back horm "Ti is something that is ex-transideration." The thirty expert Lord Robert Winston said the pledges of cash from pro-life campaigne. The thirty expert Lord Robert Winston said the pledges of cash from pro-life campaigne. The thirty expert Lord Robert Winston said the pledges of cash from pro-life campaigne. The the twinston substitute the most serious serious the the twinston of any breach of confidential the twinston substitute the most serious serious serious the the twinston of any breach of confidential the twinston series the twinston of the thirty was breach of confidential the twinston of the thirty was the the thirty was the ers had been "unethically of- tremely difficult for women to

Even it her decision could not be overturned by public demand, the consequence of Professor Bennett's interview was that a woman's private life has not only been compromised, but exploited for the purposes of the anti-abortion lobby.

Catherine Bennett, page 9 fered". "I think it is immoral | do, and is only done after a great deal of soul-searching." Frofessor Wendy Savage, gynaecologist, said she was horrified at the way pro-life campaigners had seized on to put someone like this under pressure," he said. He spoke of the pain in coming to a decision about having an abortion saying "No wom-

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Hays group valuing it at £1.14 billion.

made it sound as if operation was pending. Sue Douglas, editor of Sun-day Express, said last night that the article was based on a taped interview, with a second which the article the concern" over the possibility of any breach of confidential-ity and the ethics raised. "I think the whole question

second visit to confirm the facts, and the text had been of how this got into the public a now this got hits the public domain is a real ethical prob-lem in itself," she said. The story broke with a two-page interview in the Sunday Express, when Professor Phillip Reputer of Concerfaxed to Prof Bennett for his commente When the paper checked on Saturday it was told the oper-Philip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's, said he was preation had not at that stage taken place. pared to abort one healthy "We have no reason to be twin.

Its mother was described as 16 wacks pregnant and in "socially straitened" circumstances

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David Lloyd was

appointed England's coach for the winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand as Peter Lever resigned as bowling coach.

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The Guardian Wednesday August 7 1996

Tough test ahead for Yeltsin as dawn raid shatters peace hopes and device explodes in Moscow Sketch Serious talk amid Rebels storm into Grozny the barrels of fun



Ruaridh Nicoli

VOICE with a tone as flat as beer counted down the minutes before the festival opened. Final adjustments were made to a minature remote-controlled blimp, ready to buzz the crowds. Then the ale began to flow, quaffed by the suited and the tweeded, the bearded and mutton-chopped. Welcome to the Great British Beer Festi-

Like one enormous pub, Olympia's grand hall brought together the pissed, the proud, the bores and the beer guts. In one corner, T-shirts advertised Crawling Back Later, Gidinness and Cancelbrain

XXXX There was revely in the air but beer is a serious business, especially when you have to decide Britain's best beer for

Roger Protz. a speciality beer writer, peered through the half pint glass, circulated the liquid and finally sucked in into his mouth. "They can't all come from Burton-on-Trent," he said

His neighbour, Keith Freak, took a sip and his great, fleshy face rolled like dough as the flavours hit home. "Spicy, peppery . . . and yes, fresh," said somebody else as Mr Freak's face settled slowly in anticipation of the next ale.

You can see we take this seriously," said Mr Protz pointing out the gingery nature of one tipple. Mr Freak opened his mouth — a scary event — and added his view. 'Not surprising if you look at the amount of currency that crosses the counter with that," he said nodding at the glass-ridden table. Mr Freak

is a bar manager. The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) was set up in 1971 when four journalists were travelling together in Ireland and realised that the beer available to them back home was terrible, hland, pasteur-ised and fizzy. It was time to

bring back ale that had made Britain great, notorious even —flat, warm and flatulent. Since then membership has swelled to more than 50,000. with campaigns to extend li-censing hours, save regional brewers, keep prices low and pints topped up. Added to that is the festival that this year presents 330 draught real ales and many other foreign and bottled varieties. In the judging room the beer

was going down well. "Astrin-gency is a major fault," said one judge. "I got quite far into this ale and then it gripped me." Beware the beer that comes gently. As the atmosphere in the

hall hotted up, the great beer finals got under way. Ales, great and good, were camped around a table aided by England cricketer Devon Mal-

colm. A dark beer was brought forward and every-body turned outwards — like Morris dancers — to look at it in the light.

"Nice long, clean finish," they started. "Good body, slightly thick to start and then

dries out. It smelt very un-promising, but is still quite nutty. Are you getting green apple? Yes. I'm getting green apple." Mr Malcolm looked at his

glass and considered. "I could drink several pints of this," he said, finally. The lady serving the drinks. Mattt Wilson, arrived. She is in a halter top, not quite the buxom bar wench, but the idea is there. She didn't look the sort who would respond to a

playful slap with a saucy gig-gle, more like a punch in the Finally, they made their choices and moved outside, past lines of barrels being bro-ken open where their tenders tasted and pronounced good, and towards the main stage.

Mr Protz made his way on to the platform to name the win He looked into a crowd that took their beer seriously. Mr Protz first attacked the "beerocrats" in the European Commission who yesterday sought to damage small breweries by attacking Britain's guest beer laws. Then he gave the name of the best pint to be found in Britain, It was Woodforde's

bloody silly name.

the Russian army had won, lames Meek in Moscow returned to the Kremlin after a long spell in a government **HECHEN** rebels sanitorium as news was com ing in of the assault on the launched a ferocious dawn offen-Chechen capital, where Russia's army is meant to be in sive yesterday downing four Rus sian helicopters and shatter

Control. He is due to take the oath ing hopes of peace as they stormed into the centre of on Friday before leaving Mos-cow again for a long holiday. Grozny. The separatists' big-The rebels, numbering h gest assault in months coin-cided with a bomb blast in tween 200 and 600, were reported to be strengthening Moscow, apparently targeted at Viktor Chernomyrdin, the their positions inside Grozny last night after a day of heavy prime minister, and cast a fighting in which a number of pall over preparations for Bo-ris Yeltsin's inauguration as Russian armoured vehicles were set on fire.

At one point, federal heli-copter gunships were firing rockets at rebel positions within 100 yards of the offices of the Moscow-backed adminpresident later this week. The physically frail Rus-sian leader, re-elected partly on his promise that the Che-chen conflict was over and

fax news agency said sporadic shooting continued last night Gunships and ground attack aircraft were flying in and out of a thick pall of smoke from burning oil in-

stallations. Rebels were said to have contol of the city's rail freight terminal. Other rebel groups attacked the nearby town of Argun and the second-biggest Chechen town, Gudermes, to the east of

Grozny: 29 federal serviceme and local police were reported killed in the fighting. There was no word on civilian or rebel casualties.

The authoritative Echo Moskvy radio station quoted General Aslan Maskhadov. the Chechen separatist chief

istration in the city centre. A (of staff, as saying the Grozny correspondent for the Inter-fax news agency said sporadic Shamil Basayev, the notorious hostage-taker, and had been sanctioned by the rebel leader. Zelimkhan Yandarbiye

"The actions in Grozny have a single aim — showing that the war in Chechenia is not over yet." the radio station quoted Gen Maskha-dov as saying. Other rebel sources said the aim had been to embarrass Mr Yeltsin before his inauguration.

Members of a Russian delegation which had just arrived in Grozny to revive the peace process reacted with outrage to Gen Maskhadov's statement, saying they saw no point in further talks with either him or the Chechen

Tim Guldimann, head of exander Lebed, Mr Yeltsin's the Organisation for Security new security overland, after and Co-operation in Europe the recent unclaimed bombthe recent unclaimed bomhings in Moscow. team in Grozny which helped draw up the failed peace deal A small device exploded

vesterday at the side of a road signed in Moscow in May, condemned the rebel action. often used by senior govern-ment figures, three minutes before a car carrying Mr Chernomyrdin was due to "These actions and their con-sequences only increase the scale of the conflict and create pass by. No one was hurt.

A police spokesman said in-vestigators "are exploring all possible motives" for the "fee his little device"

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a serious threat to the peace process in Chechenia," he said. "If people are shooting now in Grozny, if now people are dying, it is impossible to talk about optimism." But Alexander Shokhin, the The latest rebel assault is first deputy speaker of parliathe second and most serious test for Mr Yeltsin and his ment and a supporter of Mr still unformed administration after the energy crisis in the far east of Russia. It is also the second big security issue to hit the desk of General Alsecond spell in office.

Chernomyrdin, said the incident was an attempt to "exert nschological pressure" on the prime minister as parliament prepared to confirm him for a

'Wrong man' held for killing schoolgirl

Alex Duval Smith in Pleine Fougères and Paul Webster in Paris

HE confession by the man held for the rape and killing of a Brit-ish schoolgirl in France last month has been thrown into doubt by the result of a DNA test. French police confirmed they are seeking another man

in connection with the murder of Caroline Dickinson, aged 13, at a youth hostel at Pleine-Fougères in Brittany. Earlier, it was stated that scientific tests appeared to clear Patrice Pade, who had con-fessed to the crime, of raping

Caroline. Judicial sources in St Malo refused to say whether Padé, aged 39, was a possible accomplice, but an official indicated that police were convinced that more than one person

was involved in the murder. which occurred in the early hours of July 18.

"With only two hands, you cannot rape, kill and stop someone from crying out in a room containing four other people." the official said. recalling that Caroline died Wherry from Woodbastwick while four of her school - proving, all in all, that real friends slept in the same dorale is best recognised by its mitory

Caroline's parents, John



DNA test more useful in clearing innocent than convicting guilty

Owan Bowcott match. ADNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, has proved more persuasive in ruling suspects out of

doubt as the culprit. The technique was first used in a British court in 1984, to settle a question of relationship in an immigration case. It relies on matching patterns of genetic mate-rial located in the cell's Analytical techniques ar chromo still being refined, but in the

meantime the police in Brit-Samples of blood or semen. for example, from the scene of ain have already embarked a crime are placed in a gel and have an electric current passed through them. Certain on compiling a national DNA database in the hope that they will be able to identify suspects more quickly. elements are drawn out further than others. Spread out on a membrane and exposed The range of human materi-als, such as hair roots or to X-ray film, a distinct row of bones, from which DNA probands emerges. Samples files can be extracted is increasing all the time as the taken from a suspect's blood or saliva are compared to the process becomes more sophisticated. Such advances will, it evidence.

There has been a long-runis believed, improve detec ning debate, however, about | tion rates,

Police subsequently leaked

"Now it seems that we have | she was a pupil. The spokes | case and would give no de- | chard, claimed yesterday that | mere, said that Pade had been denied even this. We | man added: "The only crumb | tails of whether authorities | his client had never made a | made a confession after his hope that the authorities will of comfort was that the inves- | had a description of another | true confession. "There were a | arrest."

the number of identical bands needed for a conclusive

In fingerprinting, courts require at least 16 identical points between the whorl of

patterns on the tip of the finpolice investigations than in identifying them beyond ger before a suspect's identity is deemed to be proved.

The fact that many people in the same country have some shared ancestry has led to heated disputes over claims that DNA tests are relying on odds of a million or more to one against.

Review

Perfect flourish in French import

Andrew Clements

The Proms, Royal Albert Hall/Redio 3

THE Proms regularly import operas from Glynde-bourne — Lulu makes the journey up from Sussex in two weeks — but Monday's Semele came all the way from the south of France.

Robert Carsen's production of Handel's dramatic oratorio, conducted by William Christie, was the main event of the festival in Aix-en-Provence last month, and the same cast, conductor and orchestra -Christie's baroque specialists Les Arts Florissants — were brought together again for this concert version. This was not a semi-staging

of the kind that Glyndebourne brings: there were no theatri-cal accoutrements in the Albert Hall, not a prop or a silly hat in sight, but the benefits of a well-honed production pedi-gree permeated every aspect of the performance. At its most basic, it allowed

all the singers, soloists and chorus, to dispense with scores, giving every number an easy flexibility and directness that blew away any feelinc of this being a reverent, and possibly rather sterile bomage to one of Handel's greatest masterpieces. A few bits of stage business had stuck — the odd telling glance or flouncy exit: just enough to energise everyone, touch in the comic highlights (even though all of the jokes worked), and to keep the piece moving without a hint of a

longueur. That definess of touch was

Elderly blacks and Asians face care service problems

David Brindle

CARE services must be-come more sensitive to the requirements of older eth-nic minority people, a charity warns today. Counsel and Care

researchers interviewed 96 elderly people at day contres, meeting places, and in sheltered housing schemes in

partly Christie's doing, or more specifically the result of the playing he obtained from his silvery, light-toned band. There is a problem of scale with period instruments in the Albert Hall, no doubt about it; the very qualities of transparency and articula-

tion that authentic perfor-mances provide tend to be out weighed by the lack of weight and presence in this big space But Les Arts Florissants are so grooved into working with Christie's idiosyncratic con-

ducting style that, however small the sound sometimes was, there was never a moment of uncertainty. Speeds were generally on the slow side — not as mea-sured as in Christie's reading

of Theodora at Glyndebourne earlier this summer, but still less sprightly than perhaps they would have been had this Semele originated in the concert hall rather than the oper-house, with the need to provide the room for the piece to breathe dramatically.

Almost every singer was perfectly cast, and in the title role Rosemary Joshua was the star. She took the part of this classic Handelian bimbo with beautifully turned decora-tions and coloratura in her big set pieces, and a witty lack of self-awareness.

The Jupiter was the refined tenor Timothy Robinson, his vengeful wife Juno a larger-than-life Kathleen Kuhlmann her attendant Iris, a nimble Janis Kelly, Reinhard Hagen, smooth and forthright, was Cadmus, and Michael Chance as musical as ever. Athamas. Each fitted into the work as snugly as one could hope, and not a bar of the score ever palled.

ceston, Cornwall, yesterday called for efforts to find the redouble their efforts to catch the culprit. Then the man who robbed Caroline of her murderer to be redoubled. "When the news of our daughfuture and us of a lovely ter's death reached us our lives were changed forever. daughter will not be free to commit such a crime again." The news some days later that someone had been appre-hended for this terrible crime A spokesman for Cornwall education authority said Caroline's death had had a was a small consolation," said a statement issued on their

tigation of the crime ha French authorities seemed to be swift and conclusive. That this now appears not to be the case will be very distressing for all those involved, and threatens to place them back in the glare of publicity." According to officials in St marked effect on her family and on staff and students at trate. Gerard Zaug, intends to

did not match that of anyone in the British party. Padé's lawyer, René Blan-Launceston College, where | maintain strict secrecy in the

suspect. Neither he nor police would

comment on DNA tests taken after the murder on two male teachers and five boys in the Launceston group. However informal sources indicated that the description of a second man sought by police

great many people in whose interest it was to find a guilty nformation on Pade's record. man," said the lawyer. Pade which included two indecent had not confessed but had "just talked rubbish." assaults on under-age girls, His neighbours described him Padé is still detained as a as a man who had fled his home in Dieppe at the age of key witness. 18 after he was sexually as-saulted by relatives. Since then he had spent most of his Padé was arrested 30 miles from the youth hostel on July 20 after a photofit picture was then he had spent most of his circulated. At the time, the life wandering from town to

local police chief, René Com- | town and begging.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE: One featured player bankrupt, others seek an eviction

Alex Bellos on the day the Buck House soap opera vied

with Murder One

behalf.

ABANKRUPTCY, a row allegations of excess drinking: the major characters may be off on holiday but at home the royal soap opera's sub-plots roll on and on. The justice system yester-

ay dealt with three of the sideshow's minor players. Their lives are all separate yet somehow inextricably linked. History books will refer to them as the mother, the lover and the toe-sucker. It was not Frances Shand Kydd's fault she became a

cohol per 100ml of blood, and failing to provide a blood relative of the monar-chy. Diana, her daughter with her first husband. Earl Spen-cer, married the future king. But it was her fault that las year she graced the pages of Hello!, the magazine that sets a curse on all ye who enter. Sure enough, in April she was

accused of drink driving in the streets of Oban and the

case was yesterday set for rial. Hello! is a common theme among all those hanging on to the coat-tails (and toe-nails) of royalty. John Bryan, the Duchess of York's Texan fi- ing some of Hello!'s money he



JAMES HEWITT His mother and sister appeared at Exeter county court yesterday to try to evict an odd job man from a shed close to the cottage where he courted the Princess of Wales. The hearing was adjourned. Shirley Hewitt told Hello! how Di-ana belped with the washing up and displayed a pas-sion for chocolate cakes.

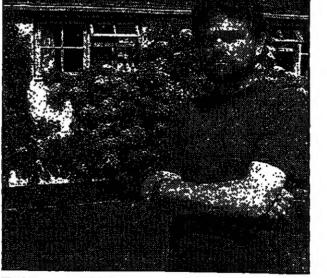
nancial adviser, thought he was on to a winner when he made a £145,000 deal with the

magazine for photo rights to the duchess's sister's wedding in Australia. He had not bargained for day. Bryan is still £30,000 in debt to the Luedeckes and has two other creditors snapping at his heels. He did not turn up and was declared the inevitable reverberations. They started when the happy couple, Jane and Reiner Lue-decke, said Bryan was hoardbankrupt.

JOHN BRYAN The Duchess of York's former financial adviser, he was declared bankrupt at the High Court yesterday. The proceedings were brought by the duchess's sister Jane, who is owed £30,000 from a deal he made with Hello! magazine for pictures of her wedding to Reiner Luedecke.

owed them. In July 1994, the High Court ordered the finan-cier to pay up £55,000. The sorry saga ended up back at the High Court yesteryesterday. Hewitt's mother Shirley and sister Syra appeared at Exeter county court to try to evict a 41-year-old photographic technicism from

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Kevin Dance outside the rented shack PHOTOGRAPH PAUL SLATER

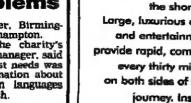
Ebford. The court adjourned | Diana when she and Hewitt the case for two weeks. Kevin Dance has lived in were having an affair. How do we know? Because Shirley the tiny bedsit, which he claims is mouldy, damp and infested with mice, for eight vesteriday opened her heart to Hello!, and spoke For The First Time About His Relationship With The Prin-cess Of Wales And The Course Of Evalus That Lad The Course Of Events That Led To His Downfall. Reports suggest that Shirley will pick up

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care services in languages

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FRANCES SHAND KYDD

Mother of the Princess of

Wales, she faces two drink

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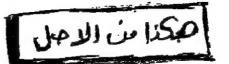
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Calais port provides an open door to the entire European materway network.

years. He has to cross a court-yard to use an outside toilet attached to the Hewitts' and was declared photographic technician from cottage. Ankrupt. A converted cowpen in the That certainly wasn't the His Downfall. Report The final piece of the jigsaw grounds of The Shieling in kind of treatment afforded to \$240,000 for the piece.



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Triumph of entertainment over politics and all, hopefully, in the best possible taste





THE 1960s: Aretha Franklin for the politically correct



THE 1970s: Carly Simon, another presidential favourite

THE 1950s: Rock star Jon Bon Jovi for baby boom decade Clintons invite America to Bill's birthday bash

Democrats hope to raise \$10m with a star-studded television extravaganza over 10 days

Martin Walker In Washington

ILLARY Clinton has hired the producer of the Oscars ceremony, and of the Miss America pageant, to organise her husband's 50th birthday party later this month as a fund-raising television extravaganza which will be beamed by satellite to 100 cities in the United States. What could be the most

tasteless presidential event since Nixon designed Ruritanian-style uniforms for the White House guards is to be given tone by the inclusion, at Mrs Clinton's insistence, of

the poetess Maya Angelou. She will help host the proceedings with comedy star Whoopi Goldberg, last seen at the Oscars.

Bill's Birthday Bash in New York's Radio City music hall at prime time on Sunday night. August 18, is a public

event with no known prece-dent in the history of the American republic. Each of the five decades of Mr Clinton's life is to be represented by one of his favourite musical turns. The 1940s

introduced by yet another star. The Clintons' favourite actress, Mary Steenburgen actress, Mary Steenburgen from Arkansas, will intro-duce one. And doubtless to mollify the gay vote, Nathan Lane, the cross-dressing co-star of the film The Birdcage, will introduce another. The event will kick off the 10 days of Mr Clinton's reintroduction to the US, leading

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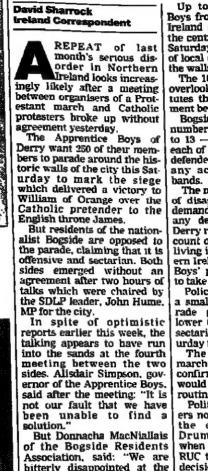
up to the Democratic convention in Chicago on August 28. Those Hollywood stars left over from his birthday event. such as Robin Williams, will perform at the convention in the final triumph of entertain-

ment over politics. Jeff Margolis, the Oscar night producer, met the Clintons on Monday to run through details of the programme, which is expected to raise \$10 million (£6.6 million) for the Democratic National

Committee. But expect no references to that other event which established the impresario creden-tials of Mr Margolis and made him famous. Mrs Clinton is no fan of beauty contests which feature young women in swimsuits. And the president, who once admitted that in in my man



NEWS 3 Tension on **Deny march** route rises



Up to 10.000 Apprentice Boys from all over Northern Ireland are due to gather in the centre of Londonderry on Saturday, when 250 members of local clubs are due to walk the walls. The 100-yard stretch which

overlooks the Bogside consti-tutes the source of disagree-ment between the two sides. Bogside residents want the number of marchers limited to 13 — a representative for each of the original Boys who defended the city — without any accompaniment from

or the main outstanding point of disagreement is over the demand by nationalists that any decision regarding the Derry route also takes into ac-count objections by Catholius count objections by Catholics living in other parts of North-ern Ireland where Apprentice Boys' parades are scheduled to take place. Police have already banned a small Apprentice Boys pa-rade going down Belfast's lower Ormeau Road, another

sectarian flashpoint, on Saturday morning. The decision infuriated march organisers, but they confirmed yesterday that they would adhere to the police rerouting order. Politicians and church leaders now fear that a repeat of the events surrounding Drumcree in Portadown, when Orangemen forced the RUC to make a U-turn on its bitterly disappointed at the attitude of the Apprentice Boys during these talks." decision to prevent them from marching through a Catholic area, could plunge Northern Although no more meetings Ireland into a deep crisis. At a press conference, Mr are planned, discussions are

to continue with other groups in the city to try to find some Simpson accused the Bogside residents of being dictatorial. sort of settlement and ease 'If there is violence, it will not come from the Apprentice tension. Mr Hume said: "We Boys," he said. Nationalists are now planwill continue to hold meetings with other parties in an compromise " ning their own rally in the find city on Friday evening.

Woman in abortion row had operation a month ago

She said: "I am writing im-mediately to the Secretary of State for Health, asking him continued from page 1 not it is still an incredible dinot it is still an intercentie under lemma," said Ms Douglas. Nuala Scarisbrick, of the pro-life group Life, said last night that even if the abortion had taken place this did not to make full inquiries into the whole case and to take any necessary action. 'Not surprisingly the pub-lic has been extremely moved change the ethical concerns, by the case — to know that one twin will be killed and left in the womb until the and new questions arose about how the woman was being cared for now and what the woman was birth of the second child. counselling she had received. "We know that twins bond "Prot at a very early stage, probably be sacked because his revelaat 12 weeks or possibly even tions about the woman have earlier. It would have the most devastating effect on made people want to identify her. He has besmirched the name of a great hospital." She said Life would conthat child." Professor Bennett was refusing requests for inter-views yesterday. He was de-scribed as brilliant tinue with its appeal for funds to help women seeking abortions becuase of the cost researcher, doing world-class of children. work into premature babies, Before it emerged that the and a conscientious and caroperation had taken place. ing doctor, but a naive man Conservative MP Ann Winwho had never before spoken terton, chairman of the allparty parliamentary Pro-Life to journalists. He was Group, demanded an inquiry reported to be amazed at the interest shown in the case. into the case.

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will star Tony Bennett, and the 1950s, for some unfathomable reason, will feature rock star Jon Bon Jovi.

The politically correct 1960s wid by portrayed by Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson, rather than any potsmoking Beatles reunion or a Mick Jagger rendition of 'Street Fighting Man". The 1970s gets Carly Simon. For the 1980s, Mr Clinton

has chosen Kenny Rogers and Jennifer Holliday, which brings in country music and Broadway shows. The 1990s will be represented by the popular country and western singer Shania Twain.

riage", is not going to appreci-ate jokes about the Miss America pageant. As befits a father of his

country about to enter his fifties, this is to be a Mr and Mrs America event. Before some electorates,

Bill's Birthday Bash might be at risk of back-firing. Coming in the month that he promises

Getting in the swing . . . The saxophone-playing president has called in the professionals for his 50th birthday

And Robert Dole celebrated his 73rd birthday last month with a fund-raising letter to can politics. It's going to work because everybody knows because everybody knows tator Stephen Hess, of the can be added and the election of the electio

Tory donors set to make Bumps and all in millions in railways deal Chat with Major

Rebecce Smithers Political Correspondent

ture of the new companies, advised on the allocation of the rolling stock fleet within the companies, prepared the leasing documents and calcu-HREE of the Conservative Party's higgest cor-porate donors stand to make millions of pounds from lated the lease rentals. A year later, it was reappointed to the £2.5 billion sale of all three advise the Department of former British Rail leasing companies, Labour claimed Transport on the sales pro-cess, and to negotiate the sale. last night.

The DoT has refused to dis-The revelation will fuel the close the fees paid to Ham-bros because of "commercial The revelation will theil the row over the C825 million sale of the smallest company, Por-terbrook Leasing, to the bus group Stagecoach, which will earn its bosses a profit of 280 million after they house to confidentiality". Between 1979 and 1990 Ham-bros donated £368,000 to the Conservative Party, and its million after they bought it from British Rail seven current chairman is also a party treasurer. months ago. The donors include the

three partners in the consor merchant bank Hambros, which donated £56,000 to Tory funds in 1995.'96 and played a key role in the sale of the companies: Hanson Trust. which gave £100,000 in 1985/ 96; and the Royal Bank of Scotland, which is also the party's banker.

mode subsequent donations of £100,000 each year from According to information obtained by Labour's new 1991/92 to 1995/96. A second Glenda Jackson, Hambros member of the consortium is be publicly own was appointed in July 1993 to the Royal Bank of Scotland, which provided the Conserva-tive Party with an overdraft rises, page 11

Rebecca Smithers

ing of rolling stock". Ham-bros also designed the struc-1992 general election cam-1992 general election cam-paign. A third member of the consortium, Candover Invest-Mildred, Sue, Rosemary, Dennis ments, is also a donor. In 1987 and Fat to see John at No 10 they had a few things on their minds. it gave £2,500 to party coffers, with further donations of £10,000 in 1991/92 and £5,000 in 1994/95. The first issue that worried

Eversholt is the most profitthe six readers of Chat magaable of the three leasing com-panies, reporting pre-tax prof-its in the 1994/95 financial rine and its editor, Terry Tavner, was education. The year of £111 million. The other leasing company is Angel Trains, which was bought by Prideaux & Associates. Babcock & Brown and Nomura International. Ms Jackson said: "The sale

Ms Jackson said: "The sale of the leasing companies has be come one of the great scan-dals of this parliament. Not only have massive profits been made on the gross undervaluation of public as-In addition to Hambros. tium which acquired the Eversholt Leasing Company are significant contributors to the Conservative Party. Ms Jackson said. They include Hanson Trust. which donated £652.000 be-tween 1070 and 1000 and sets, but it now emerges that a significant portion of those profits are finding their way and Mr Major knew who the culprits were and what to do about them. "They stop off at to companies actively involved in bank-rolling the tween 1979 and 1990, and Conservative Party. They are set to make millions of pounds from what should still be publicly owned assets."

Rall 'fat cats' cream big

lands to stop the drugs even getting to northern Europe." So gunboat diplomacy is all right, but he drew the line at HEN Terry took Wencapital punishment. "If you reintroduce capital punishment, you wouldn't get convictions. On any jury of 12, there would be three or four

people who did not believe in it, morally, emotionally or for religious reasons and they would not convict." So much for conviction politics but what, the repre-sentatives of Britain's 11th Prime Minister was not very happy about schools either. He told them: "Anybody who tells me school days were the best days of their lives, I think needs their bumps felt." Mr Major appeared to ea-dorse this mysterious prac-tice with his next assertion: and there's no sign of it tak-ing off. And that might not "I think people are becoming increasingly attracted towards alternative medicine but the doctors aren't."

biggest-selling magazine wanted to know, was his greatest achievement? "We've almost stopped inflation dea

make the blood race now, but it makes a hig difference to a lot of people." But everyone has their problems and perhaps Mr Major should count himself lucky. nestling between the covers of the brazenly downmarket women's magazine, with articles such as Maggle's Got a Thyroid Problem and It's Time

the Caribbean where there are tiny little governments and tiny little islands who You Earned Your Keep. He advised the 516,000 who can't cope with the drugs buy Chat to shop around be-fore deciding whether he barons ... I am perfectly happy to send Royal Navy ships out to the Caribbean isearns his keep.

There is more of a consen-sus over the misuse of drugs

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Why Bognor Regis yet again? What has this decent, amiable, sporadically scruffy seaside town done to make itself one of those joke locations we cannot do without? Once the world loved to sneer at Slough. But this has faded, perhaps because John Betjeman's appeal for the place to be bombed was seen as going too far.

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protester who failed to penetrate the tight security cordon on the Newbury bypass site. Green activists insist they were not caught flat footed yesterday

Protesters 'surprised' as work on bypass resumes

Tight security as machinery moves on to Newbury site

John Fenner

ORE than 100 private security guards and police protected workers from the building firm Costain as work on the second phase of the Newbury bypass got under way at 5am vesterday.

During the

we have done. "We came in hard and fast • Friends of the Earth yester. To reduce wear because we cannot afford to day accused the Advertising get involved in any trouble and we are very pleased with how things have gone this Standards Authority of in-competence after one of its advertisements was censured, morning." But Cath Bann, a spokes writes Andrew Culf. The advertisement ques

woman for the environmental umbrella group, the Third Battle of Newbury, denied protesters had been caught flat footed. "We did anticipate bypass when it would make little difference to journey work starting today. We knew that because security guards were at an hotel at Andover." She said the group had acti-vated its network to rally misleading and called for the campaigners on Monday

advert to be withdrawn. The group vowed to ignore

tioned why £101 million was

being spent on the Newbury

times. It said it was relying on

to reduce wear and cut costs by moving lanes

Martin Walnwright

NGINEERS are hoping to slash the national budget for highway repairs by adopting a technique known to householders for data from the Highways Agency, but the authority said the use of the figures was centuries.

Tests start today on a "share the wear" experi-ment which brings to mo-torways the principle of



cent of the wear and tear," said a spokeswoman for the agency. "Hence the idea of

The trial at Ferrybridge

of pounds a year.

The Guardian Wednesday August 7 1996

Redwood call to end monopoly

Soumas Miline Labour Editor

HE Government's efforts to exploit the postal strikes for po-litical advantage were upstaged yesterday when the rightwing Tory leadership hopeful John Redwood called for the temporary suspension of the Royal Mail's letter monopoly to be made permanent. As the postal workers national programme of one-day strikes resumed and Lon-don Underground drivers pre-pared for today's seventh stoppage, Mr Redwood's plea for full deregulation was

taken up by the parcels deliv-ery firm White Arrow. Echoing the views of the other main private courier companies — TNT, UPS and companies — INT, UPS and DHL — a spokeswoman for White Arrow said it was "simply not a commercial reality" to take advantage of a temporary letter monopoly suspension, even if the current one month was extended to three. She said if the monopoly

was permanently removed, there was a strong possibility that the firm would "get into letter post in a big way". She refused to comment on what iscussions the company had

discussions the company had had with government. Another private delivery service, City Post, yesterday claimed to be the first com-pany to have taken advantage of the monopoly suspension, offering a same-day service for existing customers in Lon-don during the Communica-tion Workers' Union's fourth 24-bour stoppage in the dis-

ent section of the carriage-way and spread the area of 24-hour stoppage in the dis-pute over working conditions. concentrated damage. Esti-The intervention by Mr Redwood threatened to undermine ministers' efforts to em-

ates by the Highways Agency, which is piloting the scheme, suggest that motorways' working life could be extended by up to 40 per cent, saving millions barrass the Labour Party over the post and Under-ground disputes and drew an irritable response from the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, who was forced to warn against the po-"Only a relatively small percentage of a road receives almost 100 per tential threat to the universal said a spokeswoman for the agency. "Hence the idea of seeing if, by simply moving hints about the likelihood of road markings, we can new Post Office break-up and spread the wear more privatisation proposals fea-

turing in the forthcoming Conservative manifesta

for



John Redwood: unstaged attempt to exploit strikes



Ian Lang: deregulation threat to delivery service

eligible -- compared with 11.000 on the last strike day in July. The CWU disputed the figures. Management is sending a copy of last week's rejected agreement to each of the 130,000 delivery and sort-

Both the post and Under-ground disputes appear to be

pensive by managers, who are also refusing to make a one-hour cut in the working week to 371% hours that the unions insist was agreed last year. As commuters struggle

to work today, the Reclaim

the Streets campaign is to

converge on key routes on bi-

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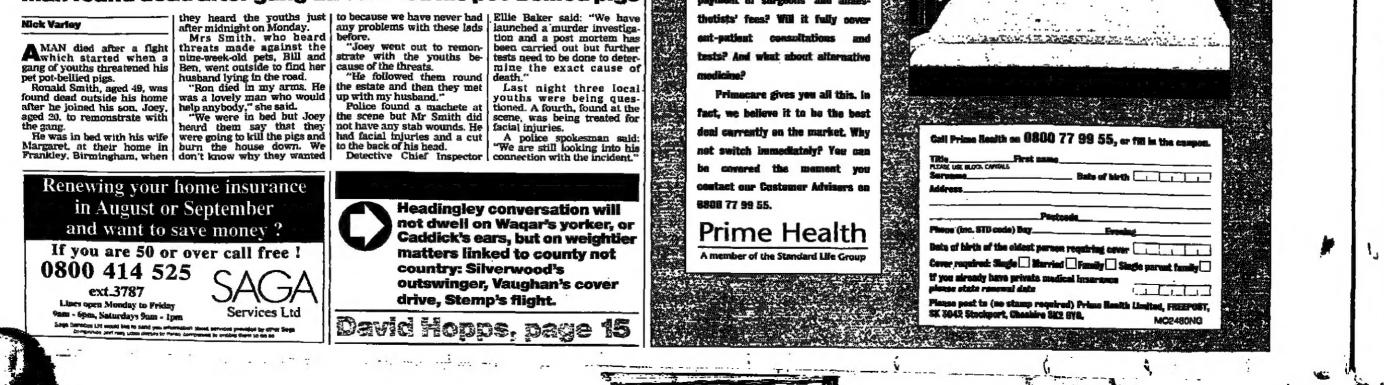
deadlocked, with no prospect of negotiations. Underground union leaders yesterday revealed a deal they had offered London Transport. which traded three years of below-inflation pay settlements for a 35-hour week by August 1998. That was rejected as too ex-

night. Thames Valley police said there had been "one or two the wheel-ruts which are where the Hull-Liverpool Post Office managers yesnearly 800 protesters were ar-M62 crosses the A1M, is the terday claimed the first sigshifting the stair carpet to left by lorries on the two rested. This time machinery inner lanes. The simple concept is to arrests", mostly for breach of nificant cracks in their emmoved on to the site near the for the independent expertise even out the area subject to first of a national protread. Two kilometres of the heavily-used M62 in necessary for good judgment in these difficult cases, they A4 almost without incident. bail conditions. gramme of tests which will ployees' support move the motorway's lane temporarily shift lane industrial action, with 14,000 A Highways Agency spokesman said: "We wanted "There has not been any trouble on site at all. It has should stick to examining West Yorkshire will be markers slightly, encouragmarkings by leaving a narworking on the morning shift about 15 per cent of those | culture. to take the protesters by sur- been very low key and we claims about cat food." used for trials in shifting | ing drivers to use a differ- | rower right-hand lane.

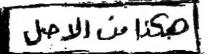
Crucial voters return to Tories

	VOTERS' HOPES AND FE			aur do	lieve that the economy will deteriorate under Conserva
Guardian	Question: Under which government, Conservative or Labour. do you think the following is most likely to happen?				
	you mink the following is most like		All voter		tive rule (32 saying Tory, as
ICM poll			vative		against 29 saying Labour)
					Voters are also optimistic
	The economy will deteriorate		32	29	that Labour has got answers
Martin Kettle	Interest rates will rise		26	46	to unemployment, with 48 per
	Law and order will improve		24	40	cent thinking it is more likely
	Inflation will go up		26	46	to fall under Labour, as
HE crucial questions	Unemployment will fail		22	48	against 22 per cent for the
raised by the steady ero-	There will be more strikes		27	39	Tories.
sion of the Labour poll	Taxes will go up	• 2	27	43	Labour's social policy
lead over the Conservatives	Educational standards will improv	ve 2	21	51	strengths are underlined in
- down 3 points again this	We will have a single European c		30	30	the survey. Only 12 per cent
month - are: who is chang-	House prices will rise substantial		33	21	think the health service will
ing their voting intentions,	Income will be spread more even		11	63	deteriorate under Labour
and why are they doing it?	Welfare payments will be concent				compared with 60 per cent for
The August Guardian-ICM	on the really needy		18	57	the Conservatives. Labour
survey reveals that the most	The health service will deteriorate	a 6	50	12	will be boosted by its good
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Man found dead after gang threatened his pot-bellied pigs



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Lottery grant turns the tide for rotting pier

aev Kennedy Heritage Corresp to the pier with the good news yesterday. The fully-restored Palace

Pier was always regarded as the rather valgar neigh-bour of the elegant West HERE was good news at last yesterday for Brighton's most deso-Pier.

late landmark. After de-cades of decay and storm The campaign began in 1974, when 5,000 residents signed a petition and damage, the rotting hulk of the West Pier, the only Grade I listed pier, is to be shored up with almost £1 marched along the front to oppose an application to de-molish it. The pier, already million from the Heritage Lottery Fund. in a sad state, was declared too dangerous for the pub-lic in 1975, and has lost cast iron and deck planking to every storm since. It was hadly domained by humi The grant is for emer-

gency works, but subject to a feasibility study the fund will consider a further badly damaged by hurri-cane winds in 1987, and was cut in half by a storm grant in the autumn of up to £5 million. The total cost

of reatoring the pier to its Edwardian glory is esti-mated at up to £15 million. The chairman of the trust seated 1 It was built in 1866. The Pavilion, which originally seated 1,400 and was con-verted into a theatre, was which owns it, Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, the mayor and the town band marched added in 1893, and the concert hall in 1918.



Brighton's West Pier, suffering age and storm damage, is to be shored up with the aid of a £1 million lottery grant, and may

Few laughs in Laker comedy of errors

Police called as passengers vent arrived at the airport two days earlier. Carly, had paid £2,000 for the kids is all about ... Regret-holiday. "We booked through fully aviation is not an exact days earlier. anger at 49-hour flight delay

Dassengers

spokesman."

Consi Walsh

UNDREDS of furious holidaymakers finally left Gatwick for Orlando in Flor-ida yesterday after a delay of 49 hours and nine minutes. vowing never again to travel on Sir Freddie Laker's airline.

Airport staff had seen a

Laker Airways had accom-modated them in nearby faulty replacement aircraft, 12 official delays and the hotels, but they had been unable to retrieve their baggage, anger of the waiting checked in on Sunday. Newlyweds Paul and Mar-Shop manager Keith Brown

from Croydon formed a passenger action committee to find out what was happening. their flight. "We had a beautiful cere "I did something positive and volunteered to act as Police were called to the deruined", Marcia said.

parture lounge yesterday.

seems to be going places with Sir Freddie", she said. Few holidaymakers were in

any doubt about who to blame. When told Sir Freddie Laker was having a birthday cia Prendergast, both 28, had barbecue, John Cunningham missed a wedding breakfast from Milton Keynes said: "I on Sunday morning to catch would like to see him barbecued alive." Sir Freddie himself denied

mony but now the honey-moon feels as if it's been that he had been celebrating. and sent a letter of apology to his disaffected customers on Dawn Inslip from Bedford, Monday. "I am fully aware, as comedy of errors involving a Some of the 353 passengers travelling with her husband a family man, exactly what very regr damaged Laker plane, a were still in the clothes they and four-year-old daughter the annual holiday with the happened

fully aviation is not an exact like this to occur, but every science."

Science. Some 30 passengers who abandoned their bookings have taken up his offer of a full refund, but others are less easily satisfied. Nicholas Hooper, aged 24, said: "When we were told it was Freddie's birthday we had a great singalong. But I won't tell you some of the words." A Laker Airways spokeswoman last night said: "We have bent over back-wards to do everything we

can for these passengers. It is very regrettable what has

"No one wanted anything

very, very sad. "We have done everything possible to make the passen gers as comfortable as poss-ible. We put them up in good hotels and laid on meals.

The spokeswoman denied that the passengers had not been kept fully informed of developments. "We kept up a steady stream of informa-tion," she said.

She added that six families comprising 15 people, had chosen not to take the flight and they would be getting their money back.

............................... **Howard wrong** on extradition

News in brief

HOME Secretary Michael Howard misdirected himself when he ordered the return to Hong Kong of a businessman who fears he could face the death penalty if forced to stand trial on \$4.5 million bribery and corruption charges once the colony is taken

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over by the Chinese, the High Court ruled yesterday. Lord Justice Henry, sitting with Mrs Justice Ebsworth, said the decision to return 60-year-old Ewan Launder was a "Cabinet decision" taken on the basis that China would fulfil its treaty obligations with the UK and the fugitive would receive a

fair trial and be treated humanely. The judge said it was clear Mr Howard "felt himself bound by the collective Cabinet decision" when he should have exercised

his personal judgment "on what the real risks of breach of the treaty safeguards were" before signing the extradition warrant. Allowing Mr Launder's application for judicial review, the

court gave Mr Howard leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Mr Launder faces trial on 14 charges of accepting bribes from two top Hong Kong businessmen between 1980 and 1982.

BBC insists expensive logo revamp will save money **Big bang theory**

Officials say new black and white sion services. "It will be vital using the logo on screen, a spokesman said." BBC programme-makers design is needed in digital TV age

ndrew Culf ledia Correspondent

neath, could be replaced by a simplified, straightened out black-and-white version. The BBC's corporate affairs

spokesman. "Proposals include simpli-fying the design and using it directorate and the image as the unifying symbol across consultants Lambie-Nairn. all BBC departments and services. We are confident major who added the red, green and blue lines to the logo, have yet avines can l

home."

scape of many TV and online

also came in for criticism yesservices available in the home." said a BBC terday, with the publication of the corporation's quarterly complaints bulletin. It upheld

the understanding his contribution would be the last, but the agree

fell and an arch collapsed. The damage cost £5,000 to repair. Yesterday the cremation industry and local government said

the explosions were widespread, and that new European Union rules will make them more dangerous. After seven years of complaining, the Association of Metropoli-

tan Authorities and crematorium operators attacked government maction. Anthony Wilson, deputy superintendent of Mordan Cremato-

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who said he had agreed to take part in a series of features on prison policy on the understanding his control

BBC1's controller will

review the Easter Monday special edition of The Vicar of In bodies. Dibley before any repeat after complaints were upheld about strong language and sexual innuendo in the Dawn

French comedy. Derek Jameson was criticised for forceful views in favour of Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, and

DOCTORS were blamed vesterday for causing two serious explosions a year in crematoriums by leaving heart pacemakers зy

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insisted yesterday.

N EXPENSIVE revamp

of the BBC's corporate

Llogo will save licence

It dismissed as guesswor claums that a small change to the distinctive loco could cost as much as £5 million to introduce across the BBC.

The nine-year-old logo,

to reach a decision. sign made the current logo difficult and costly to apply, But the BBC, which came under fire from Conservative particularly on screen. backbenchers for squander ing licence fee income, said it had one of the best know A gradual roll-out of the logo would spread the cost --

as yet unquantified -- over a brands in the world.

The BBC said the italic de- The BBC's current logo, left, could be replaced by a simplified, upright version, to mark new digital TV

> 3 per cent of the 269 complaints received about 202 items between April and June

which contains the letters The review was ordered number of years, while there Radio 4's The World BBC in sloping boxes with following the announcement would be savings on Tonight was criticised three coloured lines under in May of new digital televi- stationery, literature and following a complaint from

lamesons. Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, said the Simon Mayo's Radio 1 show was censured for a "salacious and offensive" story told by a findings of the programmes complaint unit were "eviguest in the programme's

dence of a robust complaint "Confessions" slot of how, as a child, he had urinated in the procedure" and that most of those upheld were errors of mouth of his sleeping sister. judgment.

im in Surrey, said: "Doctors should be responsible for remo ship, on his Radio 2 show, The ing the pacemakers. But they are most reluctant to accept this responsibility."

He added: "New EC rules will change the structure of cremators so that any explosion won't be able to go up the chimney but be blocked by an extra chamber where smoke is to be burnt off."

Vengeance driver jailed

THE driver of a black cab, who was convicted in the first "vengeance" trial in an English court, was jailed for 12 months sterday. Peter Gay, aged 38. tried to run over a journalist who had given evidence against him in another court hearing. John Coughlan was targeted three days after his attacker failed to overturn a conviction of threatening him on an earlier occasion. Passing sentence at Southwark crown court in London. Judge Robin Laurie told Gay: "Conduct of this kind will not be tolerated."

'No lunch' costs firms £32m

BRITISH business is losing £32 million a year because workers office workers are taking fewer and shorter lunchbreaks and most are eating while they work, which takes a toll on their personal well-being and their performance at work. The survey found that more than 25 per cent of US office-based workers take a break of 30 minutes or less. 20 per cent regularly

skip lunch altogether and 2 per cent do so every day.

Bra advert upheld

A GOSSARD bra advertisement, which attracted a record 249 complaints, was acceptable, the Advertising Standards Authority

The posters showed a woman wearing a transluscent black bra and briefs, lying outstretched in long grass. Complainants, who included an MP and Leeds city council, said it was sexist and offensive. - Andrew Culf

Jail for BAe protesters |Life 'discovered' on Mars

Martin Wainwright

WO MEN were each given a month in prison yesterday arising from an attempted raid on a British Acrospace Inctory in support of the four women who took

hammers to a Hawk aircraft destined for East Timor. But the men, one a Red Cross worker, were only given lall terms after a stipendiary magistrate had called them "particularly nice people", and appealed in vain for them to accept a court order binding them over to

The sentence was also



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appeal. Three others — Jen | court heard that they had Parker, aged 21, who lives staged the raid to support staged the raid to support four women of the Swords with Durham in London. Tracy Hart, aged 25, of Leeds, and John Lynes. a Quaker aged 68, of Hull — who joined the pair to cut holes in the security fence at British Aerospace's Brough plant, on the Humber estuary, were found guilty of causing dam-age of more than £200 and genocide. given conditional discharges. After the hearing they also expressed determination to

continue with protests against the sale of British milsome sympathy for your posi itary equipment to Indonesia allegedly for use against civilians in East Timor.

Smith, who works for the Red Cross in Birmingham, not consider themselves martyrs because their sentence stayed immediately after the Red Cross in Birmingham, hearing at Pocklington, North and Durham were found was not for the demonstration Yorkshire, when Richard guilty of blemishing the peace Smith, aged 24, and David by trying to break into the Durham, aged 33, lodged an Brough plant last month. The but for contempt of court in refusing to accept their punishment

PRIMITIVE life may have once existed on Mars, according to evidence from the American space into Ploughshares campaign who were acquitted by a Liv-erpool court women after agency, Nasa. Scientists convinced that a fossil somehow found its way into a Martian meteorite are they justified £500,000 of damage done by them to the Hawk as having prevented the expected to reveal their find-

greater crime of assisting ings next week. The rock, uncovered in 1984 in Antarctica, is one of 12 to hit the Earth after leaving the After both men refused to be bound over, the stipendi-ary magistrate. Neville White, told them: "I have red planet millions of years

ago. British scientists at the Natural History Museum have already studied frag-ments of the melon-sized metion. The last thing I want to do is send particularly nice people like you to jail." He added that the men should teorite, revealing remnants of organic material possibly from underground water

Mars has a number of dried up river beds, and it is solute thought that subterranean these

pools could have provided a home for primitive life forms. The study of fossils — formed Astronomer Patrick Moor said more evidence was needed, however, before when a dead organism's outpeople started jumping to onclusions.

gest clues to the development of life on Earth and could now do the same for Mars. Monica Grady of the Natu-ral History Museum said the findings, if correct, were some of the most sensational in scientific history.

'It's entirely possible that very, very primitive organ-isms might have arisen," she told the BBC.

"I'm not talking about ammonites or corals or anything like that but something in-credibly primitive such as micro-fossils from highly primitive organisms. It's absolutely fascinating to find

"For a long time we have known there was running water on Mars because we have seen the evidence of it. There has long been the theory that life started there but died out," he said. "But for all that I still need to be convinced by hard evi-

dence. It is still not confirmed

leaked out.

that these meteorites defi-nitely came from Mars." The findings were due to be published in the American journal, Science, on Friday

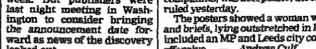
week. But publishers were last night meeting in Wash-ington to consider bringing the announcement date for-

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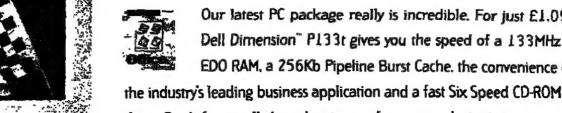
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ISLAM ON PROBATION: In the first of a series of three articles, John Hooper in Ankara asks whether the fundamentalist bark of the new government has proved worse than its bite

Turkey's new beginning turns into a false dawn

HAD just turned midight. Thursday had be come Friday - the Musim holy day.

In the Mon Amour club, at least 20 women in skimpy dresses were sitting at a bar festooned with red lights. Across town, in a casino beneath the Hilton hotel, silkenhaired crouplers were shuf-fling cards and spinning wheels as another night's eambling started.

On the Kral pop video channel, some male beefcake with designer stubble was getting out of a BMW convertible in pursuit of a mini-skirted girl. A graphic proclaimed that the song was in the Burger King

Top 20. It takes a deep swig of *raki* to believe this is a city run for the past two years by an Is-lamist mayor, the capital of a country which for the past two months has been led by an Islamist prime minister. It appears that Necmettin Erbakan and his Refah (Welfare) party are blazing a trail to Is-lamic pragmatism. Since coming to power in coalition with Tansu Ciller's True Path party, Turkey's Is-lamists have made a remarkable succession of U-turns.

They have agreed to renew the mandate of the United States-led air force which operates out of southern Turkey to protect Iraq's Kurds. In op-position, they had called it an "occupying force".

They have decreed another four months of emergency rule in the south-east, where

government is consistent with its performance in the city halls. In Istanbul, which also has an Islamist adminis-tration, Refah councillors have made only the most timid gestures towards creating a more devout society. They have banned loud music after 1am and restored the traditional Ramadan

Refah's record in national

the end of each day's fasting. They had also planned to repaint kerb markings in Is-lamic green and white, but quickly abandoned the idea when it was explained that this would violate international transport agreements. Foreigners resident in Is-tanbul say the most obvious

The real question is: are Refah's should be with western Europe's Christian Demomembers ready for

an "historic compromise" or are they

concealing their true aims for the welfare of Islam?'

definition of the party mem-bership which would apply to change is an improvement to services: the streets are

Refah has played the demo-cratic game for more than a decade. "But the real question is: are Refah's members ready for an "historic compromise" position by studying its vot-For many, it is now clear that the bark of Turkey's Is-Turkish security forces are fighting Kurdish guerrillas. In opposition, they had delamists was worse than their who believes Islam is religion | decade. "But the real question and state, and that state and is: are Refah's members ready religion should not be for an 'historic compromise' manded it be ended. bite. Despite years of anti-Zion-ist rhetoric, Refah deputies "The Refah party is sending out signals that it is no differers. He found the movement given us enough votes to gov-ern alone. We have to act like a society was secular, but electric shocks and spraying with the system, like the one separated She says Refah is an umwas strong among those op-posed to the establishment: with cold pressurised water. In a letter sent with the have voted for an investment whether it was democratic ent from other parties," one the Italian Communists asof Turkey's most respected columnists, Mehmet Ali Birthis.' Their argument is, "I ask myself: how can you protection agreement with Is-rael. And, having bitterly and brella group which includes pired to, or are they practisconservatives as well as radiing taqiya - the concealment the Kurds in the south-east, have secularism without dereport last week to the new 'Give us more power and then mocracy?" says an Istanbul journalist who asked not to be prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan, PHR said: "We be-lieve that your government and, wrote last month. "Like cals, but finds the parallel of one's true aims for the welthe very poor, and the lower see what we can do'." repeatedly criticised the use Many secular Turks are worried that their country's other parties, it says one thing in opposition but adopts with Christian Democrats un-convincing. "Christian Demomiddle-class craftsmen threatened by the advance of of arbitrary measures by prefare of Islam?" named. "Is there a single She suspects the answer devious administrations, the allies are being lulled into wishful or muddled thinking new government is using so-called "authorisation laws" has the unique opportunity to face the fact of torture in Tura different approach in govcrats want regular elections, pends on the individual memneo-liberal capitalism. country in the world which is "The real difference be-tween Refah voters and the ber. "Maybe Erbakan himself non-secular yet democratic?" "authorisation laws" ernment ... Personally, I bea multi-party system and a by the Islamists' unexpected key and eliminate the praclieve that this is highly en-couraging for the future." liberal, free market econowants an historic compro which give a decree the force regard for Western interests. mise, but others' voters of other parties was Next: The politics of lifestyles. tice once and for all." of an act of parliament. my," she says.

scarcely be stressed too much. Turkey has been a keystone f Western security policy, to an even greater extent that Iran was under the Shah. It has a half a million men in the military and is viewed by the US and most of its allies as a bastion against nationalism in Russia, fundamentalism in Iran and potentially troublesome governments in Syria and Iraq. The scope for conflict were Turkey, like Iran, to "go Islamic" would be immer

What is at stake can

Yet Western diplomats seem strikingly relaxed about Refah's arrival in govern-ment. They note that the party has been playing by the rules of Turkish democracy for 13 years. Its avuncular leader has been doing so for even longer. They argue that Refah is not fundamentalist but Islamist, and that, if a comparison is to be made, it

Despite repeated calls to the party's offices in Istanbul and Ankara, Refah was unable to provide a spokesman to dis-cuss these points. But put them to Nilufer Narli and she lifts an eyebrow and purses her lips in incredulity. Dr Narli, an associate professor at Marmara university who has just completed a study of Refah's campus activities for the Ford Foundation, offers a

cleaned more thoroughly, the rubbish collected more often. fundamentalists elsewhere. "An Islamist", she says, "is someone who takes a political position with regard to Islam;



Refah and its leader, Necmettin Erbakan (above), have made a remarkable succession of U-turns since coming to power

Inmates tortured, say jail doctors

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

M who examine de-tainees believe nearly everyone who is taken into dy is tortured, according to Physicians for Human

The group, based in Boston. Massachusetts, said doctors were unwilling accomplices to torture, coerced by police to cover up the physical evi-dence of abuse.

The results of its two-year investigation into torture in Turkey are published in the Journal of the American Med-ical Association today PHR interviewed physicians and torture victims, carried out a survey among 80 doctors who officially examine detainees and analysed more than 150 official medical reports on

prisoners. PHR said 96 per cent of doctors surveyed believed that torture was a problem in Tur-key, while 60 per cent be-lieved that nearly everyone who was detained was tor-tured. It said this was proba-bly an underestimation, as 76 per cent did not consider beatings alone to amount to torture.

Its interviews with forensic doctors indicated that some had observed evidence of torture in the cases of hundreds. even thousands, of detainees in recent years. "The Turkish police may

respond to physicians' at-tempts to perform proper examinations of torture survivors with overt threats of physical harm to the physician, by destroying the medical reports, or by simply obtaining a favourable report from a more compliant physician," said Dr Vincent Iacopino, a co-author of the

"Since physicans are sinte employees, they are vulnera-ble to threats that they will lose their positions if they do

Torture victims complained of doctors sitting at a distance from them and failing to carry out a physical examination before recording in their reports that they found no evidence of injury.

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EU squeezes deal from Mubarak urged to intervene in heresy case **Mostar separatists**

Jullan Borger in Mostar

HE European Union scored a hard-fought diplomatic victory in

Mostar yesterday when Mus-lim and Croat local leaders agreed to run the town in southern Bosnia together in a

countries

The surprise meeting of

multi-ethnic council. The many pitfalls on the way to Bosnia's September elections still gape as wide as ever, but the deal — reached after four days of intensive necotiations — will almost negotiations - will almost certainly avert a humiliating withdrawal from the town by a European administration which took on Mostar's reunification as a special project

two years ago. The EU special envoy, Sir Martin Garrod, said he expected the EU presidency to halt withdrawal preparations already under way and to ap-prove a five-month extension of the mission, "with the aim of assisting and stabilising" the new joint council.

The deal ends a month-long boycott of the new council by Bosnian Croats after they lost local elections in June. But the Mostar crisis has

produced some troubling pointers. A British official in the town pointed out yester-day that the refusal by Croat hardliners to accept an elec-tion result in a town of 60,000 people had embroiled diplo-mats and political leaders across the world.

"In September, multiply that by a hundred," the official said

Even after yesterday's signing, Crost nationalist leaders made it clear they had agreed to accept the election results only under intense pressure, and their determination to keep Mostar ethnically divided was not dimmed.

"The world has forced us into this. It was an enormous amount of pressure to pro-duce one little step," said Boro Puljic, a party official in the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ), which domi-

90-strong force of European Milosevic and police monitors, which has been widely credited with bringing stability to the town, will stay on until the end of December. Tudiman meet

PRESIDENT Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and his arch-rival, President Safet Orucevic, the Muslim mayor of eastern Mostar, said he was confident the Croats Franjo Tudjman, of Croatia will meet today in Athens to discuss normalising ties between their two would not use the court case to block the work of the council. He said the agreement would accelerate work to put

life into the two-year-old Muslim-Croat Federation, which remains a loose alliance.

the two most powerful poli-ticians in former Yugosla-via would be their first bi-Following a meeting last week between President Clinlateral summit since dent, Franjo Tudjman, the Bosnian Croats promised to dissolve their own mini-state, secretive talks in April 1991 in northern Serbla, where they were widely be-lieved to have discussed dividing neighbouring Bos-nia. The war in former Yu-goslavia started just over Herceg-Bosna, by tomorrow to allow its absorption into the federation.

But Boro Puljic yesterday two months later. A statement from Mr repeated a persistent Croat insistence that the abolition Tudiman's office said the subject would be pormalisof Herceg-Bosna would be ing ties. The Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug said that was assumed to be the contingent on the disman-tling of Muslim-dominated institutions in Sarajevo.

topic. - AP. Even if these separatist bodies are dissolved on paper, most diplomats believe the real levers of power will remain in the separate nanates politics in Croatia and Croat areas of Bostia. His brother, Mile, the local HDZ leader, said he would tionalist camps. Mile Puljic said yesterday

that even while the federa still insist on segregated that, even while the federa-tion was being painstakingly built, the ethnic map of feder-ation territory was becoming more segregated as Croats abandon isolated pockets in mainly Muslim areas and move to Croat-dominated Herrsenting in the south education. Under yesterday's agreement, the new council will meet this month to choose a

meet this month to choose a mayor and a deputy. The mayor will be a Croat, by pre-vious agreement, but not nac-essarily an HDZ member. The council will begin to meet regularly only once a court has ruled on a Croat com-plaint over voting discrepan-cies in the June elections, al-ready dismissed by an EII Herzegovina in the south. Yesterday's agreement is unlikely to have much imme-diate impact on life in Mostar. Although the Croat mayor, Mijo Brajkovic, said yester-day that there was already Oresdom of morganet

cies in the June elections, al-ready dismissed by an EU ombudsman as insignificant. The court is meant to rule within 60 days. The Mostar Croats had objected to any time limit, but in the final wording the deadline is not hinding. It is not spectfied which court will make the ruling. freedom of movement across the former front line, only women, children and the elderly cross in safety.

A group of young Croat men who gathered outside the EU hea dquarters in Mostar yesterday vowed that no Mus-lim men would ever step into ruling. If member states approve, a

western Mostar.

Ben Faulks in Cairo

N Egyptian human Arights group has urged President Hosni Mabarak to intervene after the country's highest court upheld a ruling that a univer

sity professor must divorce his wife because he was deemed to have renounced Islam. The decision on Monday by the Court of Cassation against Nasr Hamed Abu Zeid, aged 54, has sent

shockwaves through the country's secular commu-nity, and observers say it is likely to discourage moderate Islamists from entering "This is a dark day for

News in brief

Mexico holds

'drug lord'

Mexican authorities have captured the suspected drug lord, Pedro Lupercio Serra tos, known as the chief of the Jalisco drug cartel, with his brother, Oscar Gerardo Lu-percio Serratos, and two other men, the attorney-general's office said. - Reuter.

Megawati obeys

Indonesia's ousted opposition leader, Megawati Sukarnopu-tri, will obey a police summons for questioning in con-nection with recent riots in Jakarta, an aide said yesterday. - Reuter.

Lenin toppled

A statue of Lenin toppled from its pedestal and killed a boy, aged 15, who was buried yesterday in Khorinsk, Sibe-ria, - AP.

Blaze victims

A wooden warehouse used as a temporary shelter for the homeless in São Paulo went up in flames yesterday, kill-ing 10 people, three of them children, the fire department said. - AP.

the Egyptian legal system and shows the extent of Is-lamist influence in the country," said Abdel Aziz Mohammed, chairman of "attacked" and "incited the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights and a dedisrespect" for Islam, and ordered his divorce on the grounds that he was an apostate and therefore could not be married to a fence lawyer in the case. The organisation urged Mr Mubarak to intervene immediately, "not only to protect Professor Abu Zeid but to defend the whole of Muslim woman. The case was brought under hesba, a principle of Islamic law Egyptian society". Mr Abu Zeid incensed which allows individuals to

bring cases against those they consider have of-fended Islam. hardline Islamists when, as a professor in Islamic studat Cairo university, be Mr Abu Zeid, who fled to the Netherlands with his wife, Ibtihal Younis, after said the Koran should be looked at within its sociothe trouble erupted, con-tested the decision. The verpolitical context, and Islamic teachings should evolve with society. To dict had been widely ex-some Islamists, this pected to be overturned.

ing the Commission.

people who were neutral and inflamed the world against them." The ruling had "no effect" on the couple because they intend to stay

together, she said. The Egyptian govern-ment, anxious at the number of such cases being brought to court, had passed legislation which meant hesba cases had to go

tor's office. And in what was considered a convenient get-out clause for the Court of Cas-

Ms Younis said of the lawyers who brought the case: "They are the losers. What they did has outraged what they did has outraged

respects the law but is rul-ing on the basis of ideologi-

Said Al Ashmawi, said the decision "shows that Egyptian justice no longer

cal trends". But Yussef Al Badri, who helped bring the case to court, said: "No one will even dare to think about harming Islam again ... we have stopped an enemy of Islam from poking fun at our religion."

Saxony upsets Kohl's EU dream

Brussels' ruling on job subsidies has been | He set the alarm bells ringing in Bonn. In bluntly stating that Brus- Lacques Santer, European rudely defied, writes lan Traynor in Bonn

The government is scandalised but

'Euro-dictatorship'

cide how eastern Germany is to be rebuilt." Mr Biedenkopf thundered in an interview published on Monday. This conflict is extraordi-

narily serious. Brussels can't determine whether a certain region needs five million marks to save jobs. You can has his only know that locally. If you the bly want to damage Europe, then flying.

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Jacques Santer, European Commission chief, and the competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, have denounced Saxony's campaign as "utterly unacceptable". The Bonn government is scandalised by Mr Bieden-kopf's solo moves. But the Biedenkopf camp talks of "Eurodictorphic" and

'Euro-dictatorship' and

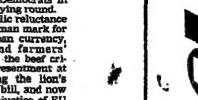
down. The unions, by nature opponents of Biedenkopf con-

Given the public reluctance to swap the German mark for a single European currency, consumers' and farmers' grievances over the beef cri-sia, the rising resemment at Germany footing the lion's share of the EU bill, and now

the perceived injustice of EU regulations threatening to de-stroy German jobs, Mr Kohl has his work cut out to keep the blue and gold banners

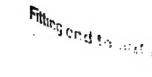
"Euro-tyranny". The Saxony premier is marshalling a grass-roots mutiny and shows no sign of backing

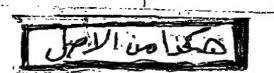
servatism, back him. The op-position Social Democrats in the state are rallying round.



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And most ominously for Mr

and gold stars of the European Union flag are

ever-present in Germany, pre-dominating over the national

colours at the country's bor-ders as if on orders from

Chancellor Helmut Kohl. But suddenly, the EU's blue

back" campaign.

and gold is being set ablaze, the union banners trampled mut kom knows that it is a party colleague from Saxony who could wreck his dream of a united Europe." The colleague is Kurt Bie-denkopf, the Saxony premier, arguably the most popular state leader in the east. At issue is the scenningly triffing in the north German mud as Schleswig-Holstein farmers vent their rage at Brussels' laxity in dealing with the British and their mad cattle. Across the EU's power-house economy, the grum-bling is getting louder about issue is the seemingly trifling Germany's oversized input to the EU budget and could yet turn into a populist Thatcher-style "we want our money

Great Britain," commented the news magazine Der Sple-gel. "But since last week, Hel-mut Kohl knows that it is a

Issue is the seemingly truing matter of up to £100 million in state subsidies to Volks-wagen, which is building two car plants in the state in an

investment worth £1.5 billion, Brussels banned the subsi dies and threatened Saxony

Kohl's Euro-dream, Saxony is stirring. The historic induswith a European Court case. trial heartland of the for-merly Communist eastern Mr Biedenkopf, claiming that merly Communist eastern 23,000 jobs were at stake, ig-Germany, taking in Leipzig, nored the commission and Dresden and Chemnitz, has paid the cash to Volkswagen.

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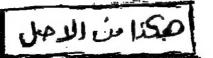
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sels' writ does not run in Sax-ony, Mr Biedenkopf has mounted the biggest chal-lenge to the chancellor's

through the state prosecu-

sation in the Abu Zeld case, the government had barred

"The government pro-vided a technical way out, but the court refused to take it," said one human rights worker. The former chief of the state's high security court,



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News in brief

Syria turns down Israeli peace offer

SYRIA yesterday rejected an offer by Israel's prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, to resume peace talks, saying his proposal had nothing to do with peace.

The official daily Tishreen said that Mr Netanyahu wanted negotiations on several issues, including Israel's security prob-lem in south Lebanon, but he was not prepared to discuss withdrawal from the Golan Heights, captured by Israel in 1967. "This talk does not mean anything for the making of peace,"

Tishreen said, "The issue is not the resumption of negotiations

Instructed said, "The issue is not the resumption of negociations but the essence of what the negotiations should deal with." In Jordan on Monday, Mr Netanyahu said his government had submitted a peace proposal for Syria via the United States and was awaiting an answer. He added that King Hussein of Jordan had sent him a message that Syria planned to pursue name with Israel's new conservant. peace with Israel's new government. Israel's offer included a "Lebanon-first" proposal that spelled

out Israel's terms for withdrawing its troops from Lebanon. Meanwhile, President Hafez al-Assad of Syria was due to visit Egypt today for talks with the Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, over the future of the stalled Middle East peace process since Mr Netanyahu's election, Egypt's foreign minis-ter, Amr Moussa, said yesterday. — Reader, Damascus.

Students strike over deaths

THOUSANDS of Palestinian students staged a one-day protes strike yesterday at the use of excessive force by Yasser Arafat's security forces, who were blamed for two deaths last week.

"Anger is boiling in our chests and the people are fed up with these oppressive and tyramical measures," said a leaflet calling for the strike. It was observed in four universities and colleges. The protest illustrated ebbing support for Mr Arafat's rule among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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He was due yesterday to attend a session of the Palestinian legislative council to debate allegations of police brutality. Legis-lators were to hear a report by a committee of inquiry into the case of Mahmoud Jumayal, who died last week after being severely beaten by a unit of the coastal police, one of several competing security services. In a statement, the students asked the council to ensure that

hundreds of prisoners still being held were not mistreated and to press for their eventual release. — AP, Ramallah.

Durban robbery nets £6m

ROBBERS took 40 million rand (£6 million) from the offices of a Durban security firm yesterday. Police believe the heist to be the biggest armed robbery in South Africa's history.

Police said five armed men held up guards and employees at the SBV security firm, which transports money for financial institutions. The gang locked the staff in a room in the building, then packed the money into two of the company's cars. They then disappeared "without a trace".

Police initially said 20 million rand was stolen, but later doubled the figure. — AP, Durban.

Inquiry into police ordered

THE AUSTRALIAN government has ordered an inquiry into the country's federal police force after allegations of corruption. The order was made by Australia's attorney-general, Daryl Williams, after claims by serving and former members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) that officers were involved in

drugs, theft and bribery. The AFP, which has about 2,000 officers and national jurisdiction. Is responsible for fighting organised crime, fraud, and drug trafficking, and is in charge of political security.

A handful of former and serving federal officers accused the force of corruption during an official inquiry into the state police in New South Wales. - Reuter, Sydney.

Herpes virus 'breakthrough'

ISRAELI scientists yesterday claimed to have developed an antiviral cream based on a microscopic seaweed that preliminary tests suggest is effective in treating herpes lesions.

Republican primaries expose party split between religious rightwingers and pro-choice moderates

Dole faces abortion policy dilemmas

Martin Walker In Washington **EPUBLICAN** voter

went to the polls yes-terday to choose their party's Senate hates in Georgia, Kanciously divisive primary elec-tions, each of which hinged on the politics of abortion. Early exit polls showed voting as too close to call. The results will be scrutinised for any likely impact on the Republican convention next week, at which the party's presidential candidate. Robert Dole, will try to fend off new abortion rows.

But the elections pointed to Republican dilemma. A manomination of Mr Dole as presidential candidate. jority of American voters, and a majority of registered

who increasingly run the party machinery and vote in internal elections tend to be "pro-life" and are increas-ingly militants of the reli-gious right who will accept no compromise on the issue. Having this week beaten off Mr Dole's attempt to insert a clause into his party's mani-festo that would formally tolerate pro-abortion Republi-cans, the extremist lobby yesterday promised a cam-paign of civil disobedience to blockade abortion climics in San Diego next week.

Republicans support the legal

right of a woman to an abortion. But the activists

Party leaders are nervous of such a high-profile cam-paign as the world's media gathers to record the formal

trying to save babies, then shame on them," said Troy Newman, the head of Operaof San Diego have said an Oriental martial arts weapon called a *nunchaku* will be used against protesters, and that they will enforce "pain tion Rescue in San Diego. which is running the block compliance". Nunchakus, ade plan. sometimes known as fighting sticks, consist of two wooden We are going to pull out all the stops to expose the evil of 'If the police want the world to see them torturing Christians who are trying to

save babies, then shame on them'

rods connected by loops of braided leather. Twisted around the arm, they can cause intense pain, and are used by San Diego police in preference to truncheons. "If the San Diego police want the world to see them

. The mayor and police chief | torturing Christians who are | Representatives and the Senweek delivered a deluge of Mr ate could be damaged by field-Isaakson's adverts, which acing such uncompromising cuse his opponent of "want-ing to make criminals out of anti-abortion candidates.

Democrats in Georgia, who women and their doctors". had almost despaired of keeping the Senate seat being vacated by the former chairman of the armed services committee, Sam Nunn, are increas ingly confident of success. Conventional wisdom in the conservative southern state was that Guy Millner, a sternly anti-abortion candi-date, would win easily. But the latest opinion polls show him neck and neck with Johnny Isaakson, a local politician who has waged a spirited campaign purely on "a woman's right to choose". The race has until now received little publicity be-

cause of the Olympics,

passion for jazz.

Country Club.

community.

purposes.

less source said.

In Michigan too, where the Republican race has become a langing match over abortion. the Democrats feel confident of retaining the seat. Even in Kansas, where moderate and rightwing Republicans have battled over the succession to

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Mr Dole's very safe seat, opin-ion polls suggest that the Democrats could have a chance in November. The abortion issue plays

into the Democrats' hands by beloing to widen the gender gap between male and female voters. President Clinton eads Mr Dole by over 30 per centage points among female voters, largely due to abortion but Georgia's airwayes have this policy



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The natural medication could have fewer side-effects than the present treatment for herpes, a synthetic drug called acyclovir which blocks the replication of viral DNA. There are also reports that the herpes virus is becoming resistant to the drug.

'The new product is far less toxic, more effective and stands a negligible chance of causing the development of resistant viral strains," Ben-Gurion university in Beersheba said.

The university's preliminary tests have been confirmed at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and the Pasteur Institute in Paris, the university said. — *Rener, Tel Avib.*

US reviews Nazi loot role Sunny playground of deposed dictators

A UNITED STATES envoy said yesterday that the US needed to examine its own role in handling Nazi funds looted from Jews and turned over to Washington at the end of the second world war. Smart Elzcustat, the under-secretary of commerce and special envoy on property restitution, said assets worth tens of millions of dollars - and perhaps more - were found in abandoned Nazi

accounts in Swiss banks and given to the US in 1946. The money, most of it believed to have been stolen from Jewn was redistributed by the US government to Britain, France and other wartime allies.

"We don't know precisely the amount, but we know it was a considerable," said Mr Eizenstat. He said the administration was committed to finding out what happened to the money and was "prepared to live with" the answers. — AP, Jersalem.

Dissident 'died of torture'

A MEMBER of the political party of the Burmese democracy leader, Aung San Suu kyi, has died after being tortured in prison a dissidents' group said yesterday.

a answerner group sub yesnernery. His Than, aged 52, a lawyer who had spent the last six years in pail, died at Rangoon general hospital of internal injuries result-ing from torture, according to a statement from the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, a Washingtonlused group. The group cited sources inside Burma.

His Thun's death comes less than two months after the death in prison of Loo Nichols, a friend of Ms Suu Kyl, who served as consul for several Scandinavian countries. Nichols's death raused an outcry among Scandinavian governments.

Prison authorities in Burma said Hla Than died of tuberculosis and HIV infection. Ms Suu Kyi attended his funeral at Kyandaw cemetery in Rangoon on Sunday. — AP. Bongkok.

Fitting end to old condom

IN AUSTRIAN body-painter has invented a "liquid condom" AN AUSTRIAN body-painter has invented a "liquin condom" which can be painted on and allowed to set in place, creating a hespoke contraceptive. The liquid later has to be applied with a paintbrush for a skin-tight fit, in a process lasting about seven mir utes, its inventor, Karl Machhamer, said yestarday. The second skin of natural rubber is available in black, grey I blue nich a binor or time some Mc Machhamer select A

and blue with a lemon or run scent, Mr Machhamer added. A bottle of the liquid, which lasts for three applications, costs 25. Instructions are much the same as for traditional condoms, but

instructions are inten the same as for transponal condens, but some users have complained it takes too long for the latex film to dry. Mr Machhamer, aged 47, recommends using a blow-dryer to speed up the process. He plans to launch the product at a trade fair next week. — Reuter, Vienna.

Miranda Richardson would love to do a Fiona Shaw, playing some of the big Shakespearean parts. "I played Richard and Bolingbroke, and Antony and Cleopatra. And Sir Thomas More --- God, I loved that part."



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A man walks by a burning pipeline in Tesalia, southern Colombia. Rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia are blamed for dynamiting oil installations in the remote region where coca farmers are protesting against government plans to fumigate their crope Photograph Perhando LLANO

tonio Noriega. Perhaps with this in mind, Gen Cédras' wife Yannick de-

clined the offer of a beach

house on Contadora and they now live with their three chil-

Salvage experts have lifted what investigators hoped would be an important piece in the puzzle, but one look at the tangled ball of wires and metal that was once the jet's cockpit told them it would not provide any quick answers. Wreckage from the aircraft

tive work. While agents are convinced that the jet was brought down by a bomb, the

search effort has so far not

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is being taken to a hangar in Calverton, Long Island, where federal investigators first test for explosive resi-dues and then hunt for any other clues to the crash.

Investigators insist that they are still considering three possible causes for the crash: a bomb, a missile or a mechanical failure.

himself be swelling the ranks of ex-dictators — Manuel An-tonio Noriega. dras tells friends be is writing his memoirs. classy restaurant in the old Sources close to the family town where he can indulge a The missile theory, all but discounted a week ago, has His wife is rumoured to have about after reports that some witnesses saw what ro Azul, a mountain near the may have been a test firing in airport where Mr Serrano is the same area several days creating an exclusive housing before the crash.

So far investigators have development with sports facil-ities. called the Hacienda learnt most from the location of the jet's wreckage, 120ft under the Atlantic. Wreckage The 6.900-acre project is from the nose and first-class compartment was found a being developed in association with several local invesmile and a half away from detors with good political con-nections. They include an unindicted co-conspirator in bris from the rest of the aircraft, suggesting that the plane was decapitated by a blast. the Noriega American drugs trial, as well as a former di-

With the latest discovery of rector of Banaico, a Panama nian bank which collapsed in January after years of service luggage nearer to Kennedy airport, investigators have to the money-laundering now found debris along a six mile track, suggesting that But all is not well, it seems. most of the aircraft may have "Serrano is in financial diffi-culties," a Panamanian busiremained airborne for 24 seconds after the initial explosion.

Meanwhile other investiga-tors are heading for Israel to examine the bomb-making Unconfirmed rumours also have it that Gen Cédras visited the project but came away annoyed at the treat-ment he received. methods of Hussein Mikdad, a Hizbullah terrorist who blew Sometimes, one small country is just not big enough for two ex-dictators. off his legs and one arm while assembling an explosive de-

vice in a Jerusalem hotel.

and the former Gnatemalan president, Jorge Serrano

relatively undistinguished towar block called the Win-ston Churchill, where Gen Céseen at a baseball game or renting videos for the children. At weekends he tends to

to Haiti

say he has itchy feet, but that

he is coming to terms with the fact that he cannot return

Unlike Mr Serrano, who



The exiled Haitlan coup leader, General Raoul Cedras, left,



Christopher Reed In Los Angeles

long as the cannabis was used to alleviate the nausea and loss of appetite experienced by people with Aids and cancer, and to reduce PFICIALS of a canna-his "clinic" in San Francisco that had eve pressure in glaucoma which causes blindness. openly sold the drug to the In the Sunday raid, state

narcotics agents smashed down the door - despite a seriously ill, will appeal against a judge's decision to close it after a weekend volunteer's offer to open it raid by state narcotics - and hauled away three lorry loads of evidence, inagents. The "Cannabis Buyers' cluding 40lb of marijuana

Club" dispensed the drug to and tens of thousands of 11,000 members for five dollars in cash. Authorities years from a building one mile from the city hall, with the authorities' full allege that the club was allowing unanthorised people to buy the drug and knowledge. The city's presell it on the street.

Tyrants don't die, they retire to Panama,

DEPOSED dictator in | him on a plane out of the

country. After a brief stop in El Sal-

vador, he was granted asylum by Panama, where he is now

busying himself with multi-

million dollar property deals. Guatemala's somewhat fee-

ble attempts to have him ex-

tradited for treason and em-

bezzlement of state funds

writes Phil Gunson in the capital

possession of a large fortune needs a place of

For any fallen strongman finding himself in this plight,

Panama is a land of almost boundless opportunities. Current residents include

the one-time Haitian coup leader, General Raoul Cédras,

and the Guatemalan ex-presi

tioner of that peculiarly Latin

American art - the coup

Mr Serrano fell out of favour when he closed down his country's parliament in

May 1993, citing the need to

"put a stop to corruption and drug trafficking".

This was an unfortunate miscalculation by Mr Serrano

American States felt that the

best way to put a stop to the corruption was by putting

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The club insists that all vious mayor and former police chief. Frank Jordan, patients must present iden-allowed it to function as tification and a letter from by California's attorney-and a letter from by California's attorney-stationally paign may unintentionally position to further their po-get permission and a letter from by California's attorney-stationally paign may unintentionally position to further their po-litical aims. The San Fran-raw material. police chief, Frank Jordan,

a doctor recommending general. Dan Lungren, a people see the raid as timed natural marijuana. The law-and-order conservative to boost his own political drug's only legal use in who has been mentioned as standing at the Republican a possible vice-presidential America is as capsules of candidate for Bob Dole's atprocessed cannabis prescribed by a doctor. but pa-tients say these do not work Lungren has supported the well and cause hangovers. After the raid, a judge veto by the Republican gov-ernor, Pete Wilson, of two bills that would have granted a temporary order closing the club, and its members and officers face allowed patients to grow and smoke the drug. In November, under Calipossible arrest. But the action could formla's plebiscite system, backfire politically. Pro- voters will be asked to pass

backfire politically. Pro-testers marched through a proposition drawn up by the club that would permit the medicinal use of marithe city, and two volunteer nurses at the club have inana, Unofficial polls give written to newspapers that "sick and dying people are being made to suffer".

it a 65 per cent chance of success. Mr Lungren's cam-

cisco city council added its voice by passing a resolu-tion condemning him and Party's convention in San asking the city's health de-Diego next week. partment to issue a "decla-ration of medical emer-Now, an influential mem-

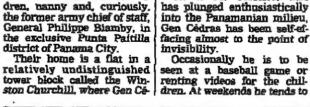
gency" permitting the use of medicinal cannabis. ber of the California state assembly is asking the US attorney-general, Janet Reno, to investigate Mr America's 25-year-old -

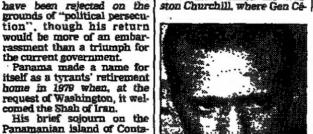
and largely futile - "war Lungren for allegedly mis- on drugs" has risen to such using his office for political intensity that conservatives will not tolerate any

He ordered the raid, but cannabis use for medicinal he also co-chairs an activist or even research purposes. group dedicated to defeat-Only eight people in the United States are permitted ing November's proposito use natural marijuana, tion. By mixing these two roles, he may have broken and scientists have been a US law restricting state unable to conduct experiofficials from using their ments because they cannot get permission to grow the

dora was not an unqualified since most Guatemalans in-cluding the army high com-it abundantly clear on their bassy and the Organisation of ered themselves to have been fleeced by the welcoming committee, headed by a man who, a decade later, would

Occasionally he is to be





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Blair's faltering lead

Labour remains high but Tories won't give up

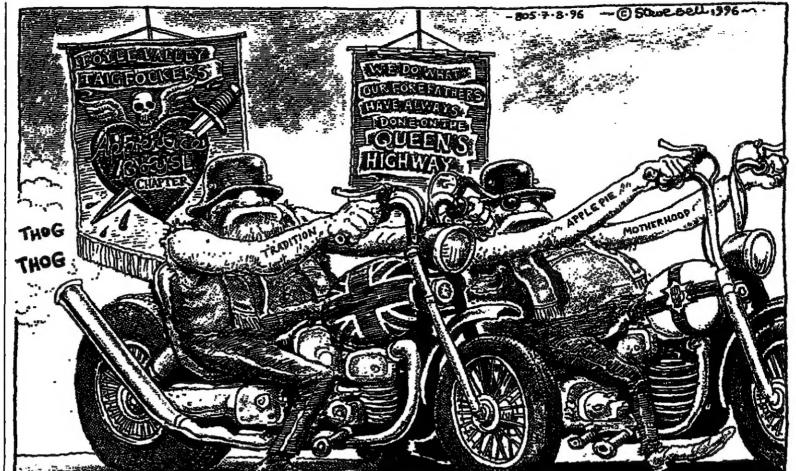
LOGICALLY, there is absolutely noth- | allegiance in the non-Labour part of the polls. Clement Attlee won in 1945 by an 8-point margin. Harold Wilson took the 1966 election by one of six. If Mr Blair can defend today's lead, even a decentsized chunk of it, for no more than another nine months, he should be able to join his great predecessors as only the third Labour leader to take his party to a working majority in the Commons. He has defended a large lead successfully for two years, so why should be not be able to see the job through?

No reason at all, as far as theory goes. The chemistry of the real world, though, may just be another matter. Both the Conservatives and Labour will look at this morning's ICM survey and which they have sat for so long sudto. In April, Labour led by 21. Each subsequent month has seen that margin chipped away. Now, all of sudden, it has been cut by three points in one go, and 21 has turned into 12. Opinion polls are reflections of events, rather than events in their own right. But this one could be a psychologically-important catalyst of a new phase of the contest.

Psychology is important in modern, marketing-driven politics. Looking like a loser is the next step to being one. Yet the biggest error that either major Tories is hard work. They never give party could make in assessing the latest | up. They never give in. More often than polls is to assume that Labour's vote is dissipating. It is not, and the figures show a consistent pattern of solid sup-much as all that, as the attitude quesport at around the 45 per cent mark, which nothing — yet — has been able to shift. The lead may have dwindled, but that is not because the vote is falling. It an election today, they would still be is because the shuffles and transfers of out on their ears.

ing for Tony Blair to worry about in a electorate seem to be resolving them-12-point Labour lead in the opinion selves in the Tories' favour, as they were always likely to do. In that sense, there is nothing in this poll that Mr Blair and his advisers have not been able to see coming from a long way off. It was always going to get tighter, and the likelihood now is that it will get tighter still. This month's poll shows a startling shift towards the Conservatives among white-collar voters (the ones to whom Mr Blair appeals), which may be a freak, or may be the start of something. Logic, again, would suggest it is a reward to the Tories for some decoming according on the start of decent economic news combined with a reprimand to Labour for a generally unattractive end-of-term performance. But it is simply too early to say, and August would be an odd time to say it feel extremely twitchy; the Tories be-cause they can feel an unaccustomed momentum growing beneath them, and Labour because the sandcastle on than usual. The feel of the country for a long time has been that people have denly feels smaller than they are used made up their minds to vote Labour next time. Nothing in today's poll negates that fact. It simply acts as a

reminder that many things are still possible if Labour really does start to throw its advantage away. Don't assume that this election is unwinnable by the Conservatives. They may look a mess, sound a mess, and be a mess, but the form-book tells you that



Letters to the Editor Lilley's fraudulent claims A survivor recalls the sadness of losing her twin

HE Government's pro-posed benefit fraud hot-line is more than just a "gimmick" (Early rush for Lilley's cheat line, August 6). The available evidence indi-cates that its principal effect will be further to increase the elimate of survivien which climate of suspicion which surrounds the claiming of social-security benefits and further to suppress the take-up of legitimate entitlements. If policymakers are serious about suppressing benefit fraud, rather than benefit take-up, recent research findings suggest that increasing the risks associated with fraudulent claiming may represent the least effective way of minimising benefit fraud. Probably the most effective

remedy would be to decrease

the restoration of such rights

fraud lies in more effective policies to stimulate the le-gitimate labour market. (Dr) Hartley Dean. Reader in Social Policy, Dept of Social Studies, University of Luton. Park Square, Luton, Beds LU1 3JU.

REPORTS of the Govern-ment's initiative on bene-fit fraud have highlighted the double standard of introducing a freephone line to report suspected cheats within weeks of closing down the freephone line run to advise claimants of their entitlement. A further example of double

standards is the failure to tackle tax evasion amongst those in work but avoiding tax collection. Recent estimates the *incentive* for fraud by in-creasing benefit levels and easing benefit conditions. have indicated a £7 billion shortfall in projected tax reve-nue. Meanwhile, the Govern-Many of those engaged in in-dividual fraud feel they are the ones who have been Inspectorate and 12,000 jobs in cheated by an erosion of their rights as citizens of a welfare ing 100 tax offices. This is de-state. There is evidence that spite the fact that the Inland

Revenue has estimated that.

VER eager to be a good (and vigilant) citizen, I have already made full use of Peter Lilley's wonderful hotline. I have passed on informa-tion about a family which con-tinues to claim money from the public purse despite own-ing lots of houses (in Windsor, London and Sandringham to London and Sandringham to name a few) and having huge savings. What is more, they obstinately refuse to stop being a burden and consent to any sort of proper job. I look forward to a Jack Straw initia-tive under which I can report them for poly and antitaction

them for noisy and anti-social behaviour in public. Matthew Moore. 76 Castleview Road, Slough SL3 7NQ.

my words. Ed Wilson.

that breach.

D J Naughton.

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20 Brook Road, Stockport.

SHOULD like to know

whether the victim of a

false, malicious communica

tion to the DSS has redress under a breach of the Mali

cious Communications Act

and whether the Government

would be guilty of abetting

Widnes, Cheshire WA8 7LR.

Rapid rebuttal

DO not belong to any type of pro-life group and do not wish to condemn abortions as such. However, I think it is essential that the medical staff and the mother in the current case ('No new issue' in abortion of twin, August 5) realise that the abortion of a twin is most definitely not the children. same as aborting a single

foetus. I am a lone twin and lost ny sister in the womb. It know of many other lone twins in my position and we are all testament to the fact that losing a twin in utero is a devastating event that affects the surviving twin deeply throughout life, even when the survivor is not told that it was a twin.

PARDON my cynicism, but I start to gag when gov-informing on benefit fraud-sters will release money to go to the really deserving. If they come back at the end of the come back at the end of the billion by stopping fraud, so benefit levels will go up by more than inflation", I'll eat

bealthy twin for financial reasons raises no new issues. The vast majority of abortions are carried out precisely because women do not have the finances to have

Women get pregnant and then find their men, their employers, or both, unsuppor-tive. Or they realise they can't afford it after all, so they are forced to have an abortion in order to retain what might be an already precarious stan-dard of living. True choice cannot be made under economic duress. This problem would be overcome if child benefit

were raised to a level where women were genuinely com-pensated for the loss of earnings which becoming a mother entails. A real wage for the job of bringing up the next generation would enable women truly to choose. Jean Molloy. 25a Theodore Road

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Hounding the unemployed

Guardian readers: if you saw someone regularly collecting £60 for working on a Sunday and you knew for certain they were drawing full unemployment pay, would you a) feel it legitimate to snoop on them or b) at least admit that something should be done about it? Most people would probably admit that something should be done, while feeling a little uneasy about spilling the beans themselves. Actually, in this case, there's no need to do anything because nothing illegal is happening. Under the curious rules governing unemployment pay, if you earn more than £2 a day you forfeit the whole of that day's dole money. But you are allowed to earn up to a weekly maximum of £61 before losing all unemployment benefit (currently £48.25p a week). So, if you choose to do your job on a Sunday, then you can legally claim a whole week's unemployment pay because it is computed on a Monday to Saturday basis and excludes Sundays.

It is worth mentioning this because the rich (often the most vocal about benefit fraudsters) have access to lots of advice about how to minimise their tax bills, but no one seems to give advice to the unemployed about how they can arrange their working hours to keep on the right side of the law. It is an odd kind of morality that brands an unemployed person a "fraudster" (heavy language that) for earning £3 without declaring it on one day, when the same but it does mean that fraud and social person could on another day earn £60 justice should be equally pursued.

A QUESTION for all liberal-minded | and be OK. None of this implies that the authorities shouldn't pursue real fraudsters who are ripping off the taxpayer. Of course they should. But let's not pretend that it's going to eliminate the public sector borrowing requirement or that fraud by the poor is more worthy of pursuit than fraud by the rich.

Peter Lilley's campaign to shop benefit fraudsters would have a lot more legitimacy if it hadn't been plucked out of the air with a general election in the offing and after the Conservatives have been in office for 17 years. If it's such a serious problem, why didn't they do this ages ago? It would also have added greater legitimacy to the initiative if the Government had simultaneously declared war on all other people and companies illegally depriving the Revenue of income, including landlords exploiting housing benefit and companies which have lost the habit of paying tax. The Government has been quick to

hound sellers of the Big Issue trying to use benefits as a "hand-up" to work rather than a "hand-out", but the officers who used to search for poor people who were eligible for benefits but not claiming them (including up to a million pensioners) are a vanishing breed. It is a fair bet that the money the Government is "saving" from people not claiming benefits they are entitled. to exceeds what is lost as a result of fraud by the unemployed. That doesn't. in any sense, justify illegal claimants

The stamps of disapproval

The PO's 5 great women are nothing if not controversial

making us change our telephone numbers, their comrades in communication, the Royal Mail, have devised their own form of intellectual torment: inciting us to try to select five, great, 20th century women. Predictably, their own selection of special stamps which went on sale yesterday - the Nobel Prizewinning scientist Dorothy Hodgkin, the sculptor Elizabeth Frink, the dancer Margot Fonteyn, the novelist Daphne du Maurier, and the athlete Marea Hartman — has been instantly criticised, less for who they are than for who they aren't. They aren't, for instance, Marie Stopes, Peggy Ashcroft, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Virginia Woolf or even Virginia Bottomley.

This is not the first time in recent months that selections of heads for stamps appear to have broken hearts. Followers of William Morris, now busy celebrating the sage's centenary, were

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WHILE Oftel plague us by constantly outraged to find that the authorities had rejected him in favour of Muffin the Mule. Who are the guilty selectorate? Six marketing and design employ-ees of the Royal Mail, we are told, worked with the stamps' designer, Stephanie Nash, and a 10-strong Stamp Advisory Committee, which included Labour MP Gwyneth Dunwoody, philatelist Jean Alexander, TV presenter Floella Benjamin, and designer Mary Lewis. Since these selections will always cause trouble, the five women involved in this process might have done just as well to nominate themselves.

We suspect that given its timing this announcement was simply a ruse to distract us on a day when we couldn't write letters because of a postal strike. The only other conceivable value of the exercise would be to underline yet again the truth of the famous proverb; "Philately will get you nowhere."

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would restore claimants' for every £1 spent on tax com-sense of obligation towards pliance work, £4 in revenue is the system. generated. An investment in Alternatively, some might jobs in the area of tax complisay more realistically, the one ance would more than pay for itself and ensure that it was thing which virtually all indinot just those on low income vidual fraudulent claimants say would dissuade them from fiddling would be a "proper" job: employment, that is, not in the informal John Sheldon. economy, but at reasonable pay and with reasonable Joint General Secretaries, Public Services Tax and Commerce Union (PTC). status and security. The key to reducing both social-secu-

5 Great Suffolk Street, rity spending and benefit London SE1 ONS. SOMEHOW, IT TAKES ALL THE FUN OUT OF IT IF WE'RE SUPPOSED www.

Ruddy ducks and blooming weeds

ESLEY Hedges's concern over the killing of grey squirrels to belp to save the like to disappear. We can red (Letters, August 2) is the tip of a huge iceberg where conservation is concerned. To either say "Let nature take its course" and do nothing to interfere, or we can take measures to try to keep species in what extent do we kill one species to save another from dying out? Do we allow rats to eat the eggs of rars, ground-nesting birds, or do we try to danger. A Wilks. 26 King Edward Street, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1JU. kill the rats? Do we let the Jap T is now evident that the anese knotweed smother other Government is determined plants or do we try to kill it? I know people who have been tempted to kill magples they to carry out its plan to butcher the ruddy ducks next see raiding the nests of weaker birds in their gardens. year. It is essential that the defence of the ruddy duck is Here in Whitstable, the im-ported plant, Alexanders, said set in motion immediately. John Cowen. to have been brought here by 27 Stewart Terrace, the Romans, has spread to Edinburgh EH11 1DW.

FOR the report on the Labour Party (Short given key role at conference, August 5) to be described by Peter TO KILL THEM Mandelson as "pure inven-tion" (Letters, August 6) is high praise indeed; my old toste Peter knows more about political fabrication than most. But to associate David

nost. But to associate David Hencke, who has regularly ex-posed government dirty deeds for 17 years, with the "Tory Lie Machine" is pretty tawdry stuff — even by the wizard of spin's dubious standards. Time the "strategist" headed for the seaside, I think. John Booth. (Former Labout Party (Former Labour Party Chief Press Officer.) 5 Scholars Court, Hamellville Road London N19 8NF. PETER Mandelson writes of "me and Alastair Camp-bell" in his letter. Mr Mandelson is normally polite. What

can have persuaded him not to write of "Alastair and me"? Is there a structuralist, or a psy-chiatrist, who can explain this quirk of style? David Ross. 55 Ruskin Park House. London SE5 8TQ.

How to stop John Birt behaving badly

VOUR decision to encourage a full debate on the proposed re-organisation of the BBC has been as welcome as it has been effective. reaching proposals are in-volved, he has a respons-ibility to ensure that they have been properly tested by Rightly, this has concentrated on the proposals themselves and, in particular, the impli-cations for the World Service. senior management before submission and that all the What has not been fully reflected is that John Birt, Sir public reactions have been Christopher Bland and the governors did not understand their respective roles. foreseen. Sir Christopher Bland did not do so.

When he attends board of governors' meetings, the di-rector-general is representing the views of his board of manhas a responsibility to consult with his senior colleagues be-fore submitting his recom-mendations to the governors. Mr Birt did not do so.

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The governors have a col-lective responsibility to scrutinise every proposal put be-fore them by the director-general. Few of the governors agement and the professional have significant professional staff of the BBC. He therefore broadcasting experience. Therefore, when considering professional management

issues, they should insist that senior staff are consulted. fr Birt did not do so. They should also insist that Minchinhampton, The chairman has a duty to the broadcasting councils for Nr Stroud, Glos GL6 9ND.

discuss any proposals the di-Scotland, Wales and Northern rector-general might wish to submit to the governors. Par-ticularly when such far-Ireland should be given the opportunity to comment. In this case, they should have insisted on prior Foreign Office consultation. They did not do so and, in effect, approved one man's untested proposals.

The chairman and the board of governors must now make it abundantly clear that have again will they allow the director-general to bull-doze his ideas through with-out consultation. Otherwise, senior management will have no trust in their director-general, and licence-payers object strongly to their BBC being ruled by edict.

Johnny Wilkinson. (BBC Director of Public Affairs 1980-85; BBC Secretary 1977-80.) Compass Cottage, Box,

ondon SE13 6HT severe emotional effects of its 'HE only aspect of the twin bereavement. The only differ

abortion that I find shockence will be that it will not be able to understand or explain ing is the betrayal of patient confidentiality. There is noth-ing new about aborting why it has those feelings. There have been many healthy foetuses, nor about cases of lone twins who have not been told that they were a twin, but who have suffered selective abortion. There was therefore no need to air the e, unexplainable feelissue in order to test public opinion, which is increasings of bereavement and guilt ingly pro-choice. Someone has broken the law - whoever released this story to the press. There should be an in-Quiry and whoever it is should be disciplined. Leonora Lloyd 27a Myrtle Roa London W3 6DY.

> AM concerned by the bar-barity of a culture which has let me know about the situation of the woman in question. By what right is her ag-ony made public? The public may not know her name at the moment, but her privacy is invaded by our ill-informed discussion of her personal life Annie Robson.

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A Country Diary

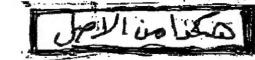
TAMAR VALLEY: Ladders | 10cwts of fruit at their peak. pushed up through cherry tree branches show that Tony tree branches show that Tony is gathering cherries in one of the few remaining old or-chards. Confirmation comes from his nephews, with pur-ple-stained teeth and lips, car-rying a bucketful of shiny black cherries. Early bur-combac clustered on short combes, clustered on short combes, clustered on short stems and belious to pick, came first, followed by deli-clous black burcombes, the most reliable and heaviest most reliable and heaviest cropping variety. Tangy sweet bullions, once popular for bottling, ripen slightly later and the large, reddish-black cherries hang on long stems amongst dark green leaves, just out of reach above browning laws. The bicket browsing level. The highest tree, a fice, the sweetest and juiciest of Tamar dessert cherries, is skeletal and gaunt, bare of leaves since last year. Other old trees show signs of die-back and this year the crop is sparse, so ladders must be moved frequently. Early this century, cherry orchards were wide-spread and productive, with stems. some trees reputed to yield 7-VIRGINIA SPIERS

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Heavy, 14-bar, wooden ladders were manoeuvred into lefty trees for pickers to climb high up into the canopy. Deep, round baskets were hooked onto ladder rungs and pickers reached outwards for a "coose", or course, of cher-ries before moving the ladder. Cherries were culled or sorted in packing houses and sent down-river to Devonport, thence by rail to London and the Midlands. Production was labour-intensive and new trees took at least 20 years to come into production. Today. hardly any productive trees remain but a new, traditional orchard is being established two miles from Boetheric. In the adjoining, mother-tree plantation are some 20 variaties, rescued from near obliv-ion, growing on 10 to 15-year-old, semi-dwarfing colt rootstock. Two trees are securely nethed against birds, loaded with ripe, juicy burcombes - contrasting with unprotected trees, with only a few wizened stones and



all their life. They finally discover the truth after years of suffering, often when they are in therapy for depression or anxlety without an obvious cause, and only then can they finally begin to make sense of their feelings and come to terms with their loss. I have heard the argument that a surviving twin will feel even more wanted because it has been "chosen" to survive.

The opposite is true. A sur-viving twin will feel a great deal of resentment because its sibling has died, and will often blame its mother, the medical staff and sometimes themselves as well. The anger of the child who survives in this case will be intensified to unimaginable proportions be-cause its twin was deliber-ately murdered in the womb.

I am appalled that the hos-pital which has been involved with the Lone Twin Network and research into twins and lone twins can make the decision to create a lone twin by deliberately killing a baby. Bryony Goode. 8 Gulliford's Bank, Kenn Moor Fields,

Clevedon. Nr Somerset BS21 5DP.

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Diary

Matthew Norman

AM pleased to learn that the "constitutional expert" Harold Brooks-Baker is keeping busy. As "publishing director" of Burke's Pecrage, a book which hasn't been published for 25 years, with title and copyright owned by a Swiss company, there is a danger of time hanging heavy. However, Harold is filling his days by writing to people of various names offering an apparently specialised book. Geoffrey Tordoff received a letter. "I have exciting news for you and fellow Tordoffs!" my so-called rival royal-watcher began, "Finally,

after years of effort and con-siderable expense, we are ready to publish the Burke's Peerage World of Tordoffs, and you are listed in it." For barely £400, those targeted can buy access to a "world registry" of other Tordoffs compiled "using highly sophisticated computer resources" in 18 countries. Exactly how sophisticated, it is hard to be certain: the letter is addressed to Mr. and not Lord, Tordoff. But then why should the "publishing director" of Burke's Peerage be expected to know that someone became a (Liberal) peer in 1981?

ANE and rational Paul Johnson calls in response to the item about his cordial relationship with the Moonies. However, he is in such a bate that he slams (genuinely slams) the phone down before he has time to comment. Silly old sausage.

N a bid to take his mind off the result of his annual Berlitz English exam (the envelope may be a victim of the postal strike), Cypriot wine-waiter Taki-George regales us with news of his chums. Among those mentioned this week are Imran Khan and Jimmy Goldsmith (both old mates). Allan Lamb ("a nice man"). French whoremistress Madame Claude (he rap the bar in her brothel for years), and his fellow intellectual Winston Churchill MP. The latter's new pop-up book has been attacked, he reports, by a certain Alas-tair Forbes, whom he angrily describes as "an old man who name-drops". So has the Cypriot stumbled upon self-parody, or is it just coincidence?

EN Elton's admission B that he admires cer-tain things about Lady Thatch has yet to pene Martin Walker argues that while trate a bookshop in Islington, which has placed the new paperback version of the US has always legislated the old girl's The Path To Power in a section marked "true crimes". OLLOWING Dunblane, the Police Federation's official policy on handguns is that they should be banned. It will, then, take the dimmest view of an advert for PSV Ltd in Police magazine, headlined "specialist firearms training". This alerts readers to a September visit from the Leindecker brothers, crack shuts from the US Green Berets. "Take advantage of a unique opportunity," the ad entires, "to enhance your combative hand-gun skills." Police, by the way. is the official journal of the Police Federation. HE new Book of the Month is, as expected, A Locoman's Log. 1937-85, by Bill Alcock, Subtitled "steam and diesel footplate life", and concise as can be at barely over 200 pages, the book relies on its author's diaries, personal memories and, indeed, anredotes. We begin in Chap-ter One, An Early Start company which invests more than \$40 million (£26 million) (1937-40). "I commenced in the Leamore area, and in the first week I hardly in the oil and gas industries of either country faces a returned to the depot from 1.00 until 6.00 am." Mr Alrange of sanctions, from being refused loans or credit rock recalls. "But as I from any US bank to a total prohibition of its products learned, I found I could return for a cup of tea and a from the US market. sandwich at around On Monday evening, just after the Swedish prime min-ister arrived in Washington, his ambassador gave a recep-3.00am, before the peak Lime of 4.00 to 6.00am." But that's quite enough excite-

Why we need to be scared of the doctor

Commentary Catherine Bennett

....................... ESTERDAY It was suddenly disclosed that Britain's most notorious mother aborted her twin last month. Does she know what a com-motion she has caused? Un-House has caused: our less she is without a radio and television, and only reads the Financial Times, we must as-sume that the woman is well aware of all the pleas and in-sults, the court order and cash offers.

With the exception of the FT, every national newspaper has supplied lengthy reports and comment on the case, encouraging us to picture what kind of woman - or monster - this night be; to conjecture exactly how "socially strait-ened" are her circumstances; to imagine her private con-versations with doctors, the operation itself. The case beame a modern version of the Judgment of Solomon, made all the more piquant by the fact that the issue appeared, at first, to be a live one, and we, the public, were invited to

adjudicate. Yesterday, finan-cial offers to save the foetus

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ng to pass on details of these inducements, "The bospital is determined to keep her confi-dence," said Hammersmith Hospitals Trust. Their concern for the mother has arrived somewhat

late in the day, has it not? We may not have been formally introduced to this woman, but her most intimate circumstances have been exposed to all, in what must be among the most flagrant betrayals of confidence in medical history. Her doctor, Professor Phillip Bennett, has now been overtaken by discretion, but in the Sunday Express he ap-

pears to have talked quite freely about the case. As is often the way in such stories, it may be that Bennett began by talking to a reporter about terminations in eral, illustrating the ethical dilemmas with the example of the unknown mother. As he was quoted using the words "this week", the case ap-peared to be current. Mr Ben-nett also said he knew the

sexes of the twins, although, in an access of confidential-ity, he refused to disclose whether he had supplied this information to his patient. Even if her decision could not, as it turned out, be over consequence of Bennett's in-

compromised, but exploited for the purposes of the anti-abortion lobby. For Spuc, amounted to over £45,000. Be abortion lobby. For Spuc, fore it became known that it Life, and the rest, the story

On the contrary, he told the was too late anyway, the aroused useful quantities of woman's doctors were refus- revulsion, but it did so Express that he considers terminations better than "the through its grotesque singulong-term harm of unwanted larity, rather than by illus-trating some wider, murderregnancies". So why did he not keep se-

society".

ous caprice on the part of either doctors or women. crecy on all he knew? Perhaps because the NHS no longer appears to be a place in which Soon the uproar over the woman's decision will sub-side, and when it does, attenconfidentiality is guaranteed, or even valued. Amid protests from the BMA, the Governtion should turn to the kind of medical ethics which allowed ment recently introduced a it to come to light in the first national patient database, place. If public snooping for contracted out to AT&T, with the detection of crime and no regulations to penalise the

The very commercial considerations which prevent justifiable disclosures about market-driven

medicine now encourage hospitals to be casual about what should be most

confidential of all — their patients

fraud is to be condemned as | leakage of information. an offence against civil liber { Within bospitals, patient ties, what should we make of confidentiality is jeopardised a medical profession which by commercial practice. In allows the public to snoop on the lawful, personal circumthe new, competitive NHS hospitals vie for pre-emihospitals vie for pre-emi-nence and funds, and it must be tempting to procure them by stimulating the insatiable public appetite for gurneys and gore, death and deliver-ance. If ER, Casualty, Cardiac Arrest and Peak Practice can stances of its patients? The Hippocratic Oath includes a promise of confiden-fiality. "Whatever, in connection with my professional practice, or not in connection with it, I see or hear, in the life of men, which ought not win audiences with lashings to be spoken of abroad. I will of tomato sauce, why not divulge, as reckoning that sbouldn't Magdi Yacoub offer all such should be kept the real thing on Sky News, secret." The oath is rarely or Great Ormond Street prestaken these days, but it still ent its own true-life

ients struggle for life, while their families weep at the bed informs the BMA's medical | ethics, "A doctor must keep secrecy on all he knows", it rules, stipulating five exceptions. In the current case, the The parents may have

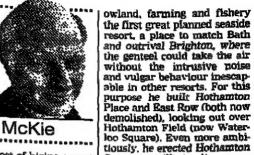
relevant exceptions would be either patient consent, or "the doctor's overriding duty to agreed to the peep-show, but the children who unwittingly satisfy the demand for tragic tots are too young to give in-formed consent. In such inno-cence lies their appeal. So, be-fore their deaths, Little Laura It seems clear that the pa-

tient has not consented, nor has Mr Bennett suggested that he was trying to make society do anything about this, or any other abortion. Davies, Little Irma, and Little Jaymee Bowen had every as pect of their treatment and responses detailed for mass entertainment, with the connivance of some of their doc tors. This year, Little Tennel Cole, a five-year-old orphan with a bullet lodged in her head, was lucky enough to

survive an operation, but no before she had been paraded before the media at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and deluged with the usual flood of teddies and get well cards. Now she is out of hospital, and out of mind. What next? Tours of the

children's wards? Tickets for operations? A people's tribu-nal for every abortion? There is much about the running of the NHS that we need to know, but will not be told because of the proliferation of "gagging" clauses, designed to protect the employer's confidentiality. But the very com-mercial considerations which prevent justifiable disclo-sures about market-driven medicine now encourage hos-pitals to be casual about what should be most confidential of all - their patients.

To some, the mother of twins may have forfeited her right to privacy: one immoral act deserves another. But if she is fair game, why not the next patient to present with an ethical dilemma, or pictur-esque plight? Perhaps those who oppose IVF, organ transplants and blood transfusions will also get the chance to bribe patients round to their way of thinking. Nowadays we are used to health scares - but whoever thought the next one would come from doctors themselves?



bugs Bognor

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

David McKie

HE cost of hiring expert Crescent (still standing, mer advisers for its failed deal with Amstrad has knocked £1.5 million off the cifully, having been saved from eradication by becoming a teacher-training college). The centrepiece of the three buildings here was Dome profits of the high-tech com-pany Psion. But the chairman. David Potter, thinks that's House: a building, he calcu-lated, fine enough to lure the Prince of Wales to Hothamton for his holidays. going to investigate a situa-tion on behalf of your share-holders," he told reporters, "it Hotham's was only the first is appropriate not to use hick of many doomed attempts to awyers from Bognor Regis." Why Bognor Regis, yet again? Precisely what has this decent, amiable, sporadically scruffy seaside town done to make item of the seat make Bognor the belle of the South. The crescents and colonnades with which he planned to adorn it were never built he died in 1799 leaving monumental debts, and the name Hothamton make itself one of those joke locations we cannot, it seems, do without? Once the world swiftly fell out of use. loved to sneer at Slough. But the habit of slagging off schemes was dreamed up Slough has faded, perhaps be-cause John Betjeman's appeal for the place to be bombed was through the next two centu-

ries. One, designed to give Bognor more of an air of Hove, seen as going too far. Surbiton served for years as a symbol for prim self-righteous suburstipulated 351 buildings in Italian renaissance style, plus one English Gothic church. bia, till the novelist Wendy Yet even this paled before the vision placed in front of the Perriam handily reinvented it as a cauldron of steamy sex. And for ages now we have of the Special Purposes Comturned up our noses at Basingstoke, for no particular reason except that someone - Noel Coward, I think - decided it

was a joke and the rest of the | many other gifted architects world joined in. Presumably Potter of Psion hoped by invoking Bognor to imply not just the sticks, but the Styx of the sticks. Well, it's certainly not Deauville or Cannes; but it's no more tawdry or charmless than a hundred other resorts. I blame George V. It was he seaway.

who, after several months of successful recuperation there, allowed the place to call itself Regis; and the name Bognor Regis — its Regis the acme of respectable aspiration, divided by only one syllable from of low derision. Seven years later the mon-

arch compounded this inad-vertent disservice by invoking it as he lay dying. Being asked in March this year. Bognor also got Butlin's — a by some flunky whether a belting new holiday camp which has been an attraction spell at Bognor might not once again revive him, he replied,

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A succession of grandiose

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mittee. Councillor Earle. "Tall, modern buildings," he said, "in the style of Basil Spence. Corbusier, or the practising today, are what I want to see. This is our chance to have beautiful architecture reflecting our day and age Fine hotels, luxury flats, a solarium, shops, theatres, con-ference halls and civic buildings can and should rise, fronted by a broad, impressive Bognor never got Basil Spence, or Corbusier, or solaria and conference halls. What it got was the Bognor Regis Centre, a truly spectacular feat in its quite astonishing failure to exploit its position commanding the seafront. Opened with suitable fantares in March 1980, it closed, on account of its debts,

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beyond its boundaries, Bill Clinton now knows he can get away with it. Below, Mark Milner assesses the effect of his proposed trade sanctions

universe

WEDEN'S prime port President Clinton's cru-minister Goran sade against terrorism. The Persson was in the real message of the Clinton Oval Office yesterteam is that the US will succeed in imposing its will on trade sanctions against day to explain to President Clinton why he and the Baltic states needed countries the US deems to be American help to get the three little countries of Lat-via. Lithuania and Estonia out of Russia's shadow and wicked, whatever the rest of the world may think, because nobody can say them nay. The experience of the use of force has been heady for the into the European Union.

Clinton administration. In It is an issue of vital restoring a kind of demo-cratic rule to Haiti, and in imposing a kind of peace in Bosnia, and in warting China national interest for Sweden and other Baltic states. But first, as the first EU leader to see the US president since Bill Clinton's latest attempt to off from bullying Taiwan, the Clintonites have learned that force works — and that Amerimpose American law on other countries. Persson had to register his objections. ica wields more of it than One-third of Italy's energy

anybody else. One of the crucial results of supplies, two of France's big-gest multinational corpora-tions and one of Germany's the cold war was that the US began to enjoy a global hege-mony which may be unique in history. Its military power combines the global reach of better customers are all at risk from the new Iran and Libya Sanctions Act. Any the Royal Navy in the days of before Japan attacked Pearl nience. The European

is simply that power matters. The US defence budget, at been for over 20 years. Throughout the 1990s, the US \$250 billion a year, is greater than that of the world's next has enjoyed modest GDP growth while Japan has stagten military powers com-bined. And yet this \$250 nated and Europe has barely grown at all. The US is now the world's biggest exporter, and the new global free-trade order is one designed by the Bush and Clinton administra-tions for American conve billion represents just over 3 per cent of America's current GDP. The last time the US spent so little of its wealth on defence was in 1940, the year tions for American conve-

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sparked fury among Amer-ica's trading partners. The Canadian and Mexi-

can governments are tak-ing their complaints to the

North American Free

European Union, mean-while, has laid its com-

plaints before the World

WTO, for example, rules

ment in the Iranian and Libyan industries had been relatively modest, not least because neither country was particularly interested in wooing western expertise

act of arrogance that only the world's last superpower could

hope to get away with. But Clinton will face little domestic criticism for his

stand. Former secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger

was unusual in commenting

yesterday that 'Tm bothered

by our attempt at enforced

mperialism here". But Eagleburger was

mainly critical of the hard-to-

enforce economic sanctions against allies, and stressed he

would prefer direct military

retaliation against states

sponsoring terrorism, even if the evidence were insufficient

International law is now in

for a court of law.

Yet there have been signs recently that Iran at least is looking to western firms to help maximise yield on some of its fields. legislation is not expected The US action may make existing some firms hesitate. "It is certainly a factor which would have to be taken A spokesman for the Trade Agreement's dis-putes procedure. The which has a \$600 million into account," said one oilindustry executive yesterproject in Iran as well as interests in Libya, said day. The hope, however, is yesterday: "We are not that Clinton's recent get Trade Organisation. If the | concerned: the legislation tough policy is motivated by domestic politics, and that Washington's stance is not retro-active. We against the American don't intend to have an-action, US firms could be other project of that size in may ease once the presidential elections have that part of the world." Until recently, invest- taken place.

Officialdom tried to make out that this never happened, that the king's last words expressed his hopes for the future of the Empire. But posterity hasn't been fooled. Perhaps the town would have done better had it stuck with the name "Hothamton". devised for it by the man who created the place out of virtually nothing: the Yorkshire-

hardly creating the upmarket image for which Bognor had vainly hankered since Hotham A melancholy story, all this, of high aspirations and din-

gier outcomes, most appeal-ingly told in a History of Bognor Regis by Gerard and Derek Young, published in 1963 by Phillimore at nearby Chichester. The local muborn hatter, entrepreneur, and briefly. MP, Richard seum, they say, was also very instructive. But that too, in the way of Bognor, is sadly no longer with us. Hotham. He planned to make from a seaside track of mead-

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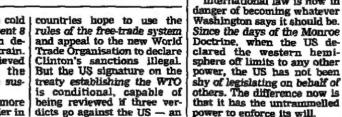
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Industry plays it cool in election year

Bill CLINTON could ment banks might also which lays investors in this. But despite the inten-find themselves mable to the cube open to being sued in the diplomatic row, the US courts — has the mood in the corporate sparked for among Amer-dissuade foreign compa-nies hit by the legislation. "What would hannen if the Constitution of the diplomatic row that would hannen if the constitution of the diplomatic row. The const row of the diplomatic row. The const row of the diplomatic ro "What would happen if the Italian government wanted to sell more shares nies from investing in the Libyan and Iranian oil and gas industries and in Cuba: in Agip, which has sub-stantial interests in American firms could be among the victims. American financial insti-intions might find them-Libya?" one observer was asking last night. "Would

US investment banks be selves shut out of lending selves shut out of fending to non-US companies which fell foul of the D'A-mate lexislation, aimed at The row over Washingmato legislation, aimed at blocking investments of more than \$40 million in ton's claim to extra-terriblocking investments of the stand to extra territy against the American more than \$40 million in torial authority through action, US firms could be the Libyan oil and gas in- both the D'Amato Act and subject to retaliatory dustry. American invest- the Helms Burton Act - action through trade tar-

10 OBITUARIES

Frank Marcus

Both sides of the curtain

Grim Reaper. The first was in 1939, at the age of 11, when he was being whisked out of Nazi Germany along with his mother and sister just before the outbreak of war. The border guards discovered caricatures of Hitler and his circle tucked away behind his pass-port. He had been drawing port. He had been drawing them to while away the long train journey. Fortunately, he was allowed to continue his journey to Britain.

The second was some 30 years later, in the 1960s. As an established West End dramatist with the award-winning The Killing of Sister George under his belt, he had become the Sunday Telegraph's first drama critic (1968-78) and was drama critic (1968-78) and was travelling back to London by road after an RSC Stratford first night. His wife, Jackie, was at the wheel, but un-known to her passengers she had nodded off and the car

crossed the central reserva-tion into the path of an on-coming vehicle. The hooting and screeching of brakes woke her just in time to pull the car back on course, and as the party excitedly discussed the way their whole lives had flashed passed them in those few dangerous seconds, Frank's voice was heard to say in the tones of amused and ironic detachment with which he always seemed to look at life: "I was wondering how many column inches my obituary might run to and whether or not they would use a photo.

Despite the growing threats of life in the Germany of the 1930s, Frank, who was born in Bremen, had very happy memories of his childhood there in his closely-knit Jewish family. His father, Frederick Marcus, had started his career in banking but had become a high-ranking civil servant in the Weimar Republic's forestry commission and managed to keep his post for a couple of years after the Nazis came to power. But when the Nuremberg Laws of 1936 came into force, forbidding Jews to hold government po-

RANK Marcus, the dramatist and theatre critic who has died aged 68, had two earlier encounters with the Barper The Jury 2010 and 100 a time professional writer. The play was done at the Unity Theatre but only had three performances because Mar-cus refused to bow to Unity's demands that a scene show-ing an anti-American demon-Frank's talents as an artist

(as noted by Germany's bor-der guards) led to his doing a stration should be made to look "spontaneous" - though Frank was a liberal, he was certainly not a card-cartying foundation year at the St Mar-tin's School of Art, though as a teenager he was already Marxist. But the setback was forgotten as his career took drawn to the theatre - first He was soon on the books of

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both during the period of his

as an actor, but very soon as a writer. His life clicked into place when he founded the the eccentrically gifted play agent. Peggy Ramsay, who International Theatre Group to promote international class was both mother and hate figure to a whole generation sics and new writing, thereby anticipating by a few seasons the sort of work attempted by of new theatre writers, adored when she championed Peter Hall at the Arts Theatre their first plays and loathed in the mid-1950s. when she seemed, after their initial successes, to have With a semi-professional

moved on to a new favourite. Frank remained loyal to her company, the group mounted works by Goldoni, Molière, Pirandello, Shaw and Tennesbig West End successes in the 1960s and early 1970s (The see Williams, with Frank not only writing but also direct Formation Dancers, 1964, The Formation Dancers, 1964, The Killing of Sister George, 1965, Mrs Mouse, Are You Within? 1968, Notes on A Love Affair, ing and painting the scenery. It was a first-class practical grounding for a future dramatist and critic.

1972) and after when his 10 year stint as the Sunday Tele-graph's theatre critic was fol-lowed by rural retirement in T ALSO helped further to lay the foundations of life to come when a prize-winning actress, Jacqueline Sylvester, the West Country. Though Frank came from the Ramsay stable of new writers, his West End suc-cesses led to his being taken played an elderly refugee lady in Frank's first performed

play, Minuet for Stuffed Birds in 1950. They married in 1951. less seriously than some of when he was 23, and in the next 10 years had three chilhis contemporaries and being thought of as being a boule-vard writer. Clearly a dramadren. The need to become the bread winner meant that for a tist who was influenced by time Frank became a some Pirandello, Schnitzler and what frustrated Sunday-after-Molnar, as he was, could be no Shaftesbury Avenue lightnoon writer while he earned a living as an antique dealer in weight. But in the 1960s, a writer who was not angry with a capital "A" tended to his maternal grandparents'

shops in Chancery Lane. By 1963, however, his play be regarded with some suspicion. Nobody, however, could deny that *The Killing of Sister George*, written when the Lord Chamberlain's censor-The Man Who Bought a Bat tlefield, based on a man who literally bought a battlefield and made a fortune out of it ship still dictated what could be put on in the West End, before becoming bankrupt, inaugurated a remarkably successful period as a fullwas a milestone in gay drama





Frank Marcus . . . champion of international theatre and a fine critic

and its reputation survived (critic lay in the wit and Robert Aldrich's crude movie version.

Although Sister George is Frank Marcus's best-known work, he never thought of it as his best, preferring the more autobiographical For-mation Dancers (about two masochistic males embroiled with a lively young trollop), Notes On a Love Affair, and Mrs Mouse, Are You Within? (which dissected the nature of friendship and came down firmly on the side of the chaotically good-natured rather than the well-ordered). Frank's refusal to be overly solemn about his work may have contributed to its being taken less seriously than it should have been. But solemnity was not part of his nature, and when a collesgue complained in a long-winded nagazine article about the treatment his latest work had

el Billington addar Frank urbanity of his writing, cou-Marcus was an accomplished pled with his central Europlaywright, fine critic and delightful man. What made him special was that he pean background and the practical working knowledge brought a distinctly Europe of the theatre which his sensibility to a form we tend reviews revealed. He had to look down on: boulevard comedy. Like his mentors, begun criticism back in the 1950s for a small esoteric magazine, and in its pages was the first in Britain to champion Schnitzler and Molnar, he saw that it could be a vehicle for Marcel Marceau, the French satire and psychological commime, who was to become a ment, rather than simply a lifelong family friend. Before joining the Sunday Telegraph he wrote for two years for lightweight diversion. His most famous play, The Killing of Sister George, broke new ground in 1965 by dealing with a lesbian love affair. But Plays and Players in its 1960s heyday, when future national critics such as Robert Cushits revival last year suggeste man, Michael Billington and its real strength lay else-where: in its understanding of Benedict Nightingale were also on its monthly panel. the omnivorous nature of the

soap ethic and of BBC politics. ERHAPS it was sad Its leading character is both devoured by the character she that after a decade plays in a radio scap and vic-timised by a ratings-obsessed desk-wallah. The play is as much about the thin line of theatre criticism he did not have another new West

End success. But he was undoubtedly discouraged by the The Guardian Wednesday August 7 1996

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Sir Peter Green Name-calling

in the City

HE CAREER of Sir Peter Green, the man once called "the "father of the new Lloyd's", who has died aged 71 just a day before his birth-day, was clouded by contra-diction. An abrupt man, he became chairman of Lloyds in 1979 and, although his fam-ily's lengthy history at the City institution made him an unlikely reformer, he was responsible outside Parliament for steering through the Houses of Commons and Lords the 1982 Lloyd's Act. which brought about the most comprehensive change in the insurance market's regulation for a century. That legislation sought to

improve the standards of governance in the market and, although Sir Peter had reservations, it also helped sever some of the most flagrant con-flicts of interest at Lloyd's by preventing insurance brokers from running underwriting syndicates. The act also opened the way

for the appointment of an in-dependent chief executive, rather than allowing the 300year-old market to continue unscrutinised and ruled over by insiders. But although the years. new regulations were an at-tempt to restore the badly

damaged reputation of the market, investigations carried out during Sir Peter's regime remained the lessthan-rigorous, - and strictly private affairs - they had always been.

His short inquiry into alle-gations of fraud by syndicates run by Peter Cameron-Webb, Affair", found "no dishon-esty", but a later probe by inspectors from the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry completely rejected this result, although Sir Peter was cleared of a cover-up.

Most damagingly, Sir Peter's reputation was tar-nished when he was fined £32,500 after a disciplinary inquiry had found him guilty of market misconduct. He had failed to ensure that re-insur-

ance arrangements, using a Cayman Islands company in which he had a personal shareholding, were fair to his investors. Sir Peter always disputed the charges, but that



Sir Peter Green . . . conflict

ing the early 1980s - he was the longest serving post-war chairman — was the time during which Lloyd's conspicuously failed to tighten its entry wealth test. This allowed hosts of unsuitable investors to become Names. These Names, often backed by little more than an inflated London house price, are now having to be bailed out after the market clocked up £8 billion of losses in three

Sir Peter, educated at Harrow School and Christ Church College Oxford. served in the wartime Royal Navy from 1943 before becoming a member of his father Toby Green's Lloyd's underwriting syndicate in 1947. Toby Green was one of the most influential marine underwriters of his day.

Two decades later. in 1986 Sir Peter became chairman of the family's Janson Green business. Eight years later he cemented his involvement in the market by becoming a member of the Lloyd's ruling committee. Sir Peter was knighted in 1962 and given the honour of a Lloyd's Gold Medal, a ceremonial so rare - only 15 have been awarded since 1913 -- that it involves ringing the famous Lutine

Bell twice. Although the scandals which so damaged the reputation of the Lloyd's market were never far away during his term as chairman. Sir Peter Green will also be remembered as the man who

and lie low. The parents, sophisticated

anglophiles with avant-garde astes, had named their son Frank after Frank Wedekind. whose Spring Awakening was still banned here when the Marcuses took refuge in wartime Britain. Marcus senior had to serve a period of in-ternment on the Isle of Man and then in Australia, and this meant the school for refuchildren, Bunce Court, founded by two elderly Quaker women who had come

to Britain as political refu- Bold touch ... Susannah York comforts Beryl Reid in the South Africa. gees and who had got together | film version of Marcus's play The Killing of Sister George

the moaning writer had mentioned in passing that he had been bitten by his dog as well as the reviewer's. Frank's decision to allow

received at the hands of critics, Frank sent round a huge

his plays to be performed in South Africa when others banned theirs as a protest about apartheid was unpopular in some quarters. He, however, always maintained it was better for a closed community to know what was going on in the world. He of an always keen, lively and above all compassionate never took a penny of the mind, imprison creasingly frail body. profits his plays made in

His strengths as a theatre | Peter Roberts

between fiction and reality as vision play, stage play and musical (about Old Mother As a critic, Frank revealed his European inheritance, not Riley) never got performed. least in his determined cham-He had never been a well man, having had Parkinson's plonship of Wedekind. He also showed great physical courage in they way he carried on undaunted despite the debili-tating effect of Parkinson's diagnosed in his early thirties, and though it was held in check by drugs he had to to make heroic efforts to over-Disease. I have an ineradica come the physical limitations the disease imposed. In the ble image of him at first nights constantly supported by his late wife, Jackie, and always end, one had the impression

ready with a wise and welcom ing word. ad in an in-

Frank Ulrich Marcus, playwright and critic, born June 30, 1928; died August 5, 1996

producer called me asking if

would like to play Rossini in a

film they were preparing. I said thanks, but surely I'm

too English-looking and not

plump enough. I suggested Al-berti, who got the part and did an excellent job. I got a crate of Strega for Christmas.

black mark could mean that sioning the new Lloyd's Sir Peter's estate will be de-Building in Lime Street, barred from any benefit in whose controversial architecthe current £3.2 billion rescue ture, by Richard Rogers, has package which is now being made it one of best-known the current £3.2 billion rescue offered to Lloyd's Names. The landmarks in the City. market authorities will not Sir Peter was married comment on whether Sir twice. His first wife. Pamela. Peter features among the 170 died in 1985. The following blacklisted Names.

year he married Jennifer. who survives him. Sir Peter was famed for forcing would-be investors or Names to give him a blank cheque, which he would then Lisa Buckingha

pocket in an attempt to con-Sir Peter James Frederick vey to them the risks of accepting unlimited liability at Lloyd's. Yet his tenure dur-Green, former chairman of Lloyd's, born July 28, 1924; died July 27, 1996

Death Notices

FAWCETT The funeral of Elisa Fawce take place al Gumentbury Come London W3, at 2pm on Tueeday August, Rowers and Arthur details: as Funeral Directors 8171 352 0008. David Allan, disc jockey, 57; the Rt Rev David Bentley, Bishop of Gloucester, 61; Greg Chappell, crickster, 48; Neil Clarke, chairman, Brit-ish Coal, 62; Prof Herbert Elvin, educationalist, 91;

Soum Cerney, In: Cirencesser, Guos. HAMELTON Gaodiney Stephen, suddanty on August 4th aged 5t ynairs. Funersi ser-vitas will teke pisce at Exton Parish Church on Monday August 12th at 2.90m. Flowers or domations in Bey of flowers to Plant Lile Netural History Nuseeum or Sustants c/o Fords of Caldram, 8 Church Street, Calchan, Nutland Lills GAA Teri01572 72854. Hann, Ruberto LEIS BOA (#1715/2 /2253) HICKS 2000 passed swey at the Exeter and District Hospice on Saturday 3rd August 1995, Funeral services at the Exeter and Devon Cromatorum on Friday 9th August at 2pm. No Rovers pisase, Domations it desired for the Woodland Trust may be sent to Le-Roy Funeral Service. It Alphag-ton Road, St Thomas, Exeter.

WHITTLE, John Parkinson (Jock, cl Dide-bury, Manchester, Deer Ausband of Petron-ella, Bather end grandtather, died 1st August 1986, Anweral Service tolkowed by committal, will be tred at Manchester Cre-matorium, on Monday 12th August 1986, at 12pm. Alt enquiries to William Peacock Fumeral Service. Tei 0181 445 3387

And Funaral Directors 0171 352 0008. HADF8ELD, On 6th August 1966 Charles (E.C.R.) C.M.G. aged 57 at Ashley House, Chrencester, Funaral of All Haliones Church, Bouth Cerrary ar, Chrencester on Wednes-day 14th August at 230 pm. Howers may be sent to Packer and Slade Funeral Ber-vices, City Bank Read, Cirencester, or donations to All Halions Fabric Mainten-ance Fund, Joh Rev. Calvert, The Vicarage, South Cerney, nr. Cirencester, Glos, Habell TOM, Canofine Standard, auditorial Makell TOM, Canofine Standard, auditorial Makell ToM. Canofine Standard, auditorial Makell ToM. Canofine Standard, Standa Matthew Evans, publisher, chairman, Faber and Faber

55; Stan Freberg, television satirist, 70; Micksy Kantor, US Trade Representative, 57; Kenneth Kendall, broadcaster, 72; Sue Lloyd, actress, 57; Owen Luder, architect, 68: Dame Ella Macknight, obstetrician and gynaecolo-gist, 92; Matthew Parris, journalist and former Conserrative MP, 47; Nick Ross broadcaster, 49; Alexei Sayle, comedian, 44; Baron-ess Seear, Liberal Democrat,

83; Philip Snow, author, 81; John Young, chairman and chief executive, Young & Co Brewery, 75.

Birthdays

toki the loons that he was having a nightmare. My next four years were to be spent in Broadmoor's hell hole. I would never get the opportunity to strangle again. Extracts from the diary of Charles Bronson (formerly known as Michael Peterson), know as michael Feerson), who is pyschopathic and dan-gerous. He attempts to murder his fellow inmate, for trying to break into his locker. Esquire.

and straddled him over the bed. **Brutal methods**

HAVE discovered a horrible. rather brutal method that I recommend only to men of en essive vigor, men with thick black hair and skin covered with liver spots, men with big square hands and legs shaped like bowling pins. It is a queetion of using finely pulverised dense coffee, cold and anhydrous, consumed on an empty stomach. This coffee falls into your stomach, a sack whose velvety interior is lined with tapestries of suckers and papillae. The coffee finds nothing else in the sack, and so it attacks these delicate and voluptuous linings; it acts like a food and demands digestive

uices: ... it brutalizes these beautiful stomach linings as a wagon master abuses ponies; the plexus becomes inflamed; sparks shoot all the way up to the brain. From that moment on, everything becomes agitated. Ideas quick march into motion like battalions of a grand army to its legendary rages. Memories charge in, bright flags on high; the cal-vary of metaphor deploys with a magnificent gallop; the artilclattering wagons and car-tridges; on imagination's

ery of logic rushes up with orders, sharpshooters sight and fire; forms and shapes and characters rear up; the paper is spread with ink. From The Pleasures and Pains of Coffee, by Honore de Balzac, published for the first time in English in the Michigan Review Reprinted in Harpers.

lackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaus@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR SER.

Emily Sheffield



Fellini. Francesco Rosi and Roman Polanski, but above all he was the patron of Italy's foremost literary prize, the Premio Stregg, named after the liqueur produced by his family's firm. One Sunday in 1947, Alberti went to the literary salon of Goffredo and Maria Bellonci who told him they wanted to found a literary prize. Alberti, eager to do something "sublimely useful" funded it, and the Premio Strega was born. In 1953, Guido met and mar-

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bama town while the car was repaired. The bill was \$200,

wife was pregnant and we

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career, but it was probably acute observation that prompted her to note how Fellini studied Guido over dinner while preparing what became Eight and a Half. Fellini cast Alberti in the role of the film producer be-cause he recognised in him some of the physical characteristics of another busines magnate who had — albeit reluctantly — produced La Dolce Vita and then pocketed his box-office gold, leaving as a souvenir-cum-reward for

ried Lucia, a professional Federico only a gold watch.

enormously and won critical praise. After Fellini came another director friend, Rosi, who cast him as a shifty Neapolitan rightwing politician in Hands Over the City (1963). Alberti was born and spent his childhood in Benevento, in the Campania mountains, famous for its association with witchcraft. In ancient times, it was Maleventum: the new name, Beneventum, meaning good (rather than bad) wind was given it by the Romans around 270BC. The

up this man's worship of the

muscled, tanned, long haired hunk of the US (main star of Hollywood Men), found at

neursgroup alt.fan.fabio.

THE ROYAL Ballet apolo-

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which took him round the world working for the family firm, Alberti had settled in Rome, mixing with writers and actors, many of whom he helped to hide from the fascists. He was himself briefly arrested during the German occupation Alberti never forgot that other "profession". When in London with him and Rosi for the London Film Festival presentation of *Hands Over the City*, during lunch at the Savoy I ordered a vanilla icesweet, golden-coloured cream. Alberti called the wine

If John Donne had known

have inspired a poem?

about such, would they not

It cannot be long before

this prized example of con-

Alberti also appeared in films by, among others, Sydney Pollack, Roman Polanski (as one of the eccentric quests in the Positano Villa in What?), Claude Chabrol, and he was Mr Tupman in a very curious TV serialisation of Alberti . . . eager patron Pickwick Papers, in which the members of the Pickwick Club seemed like a band of waiter and asked him if they had a bottle of Strega. "Of course, sir," said the waiter, not knowing who the cusnoisy Italian tourists visiting a papier mâché 19th-century tomer was. Alberti was de-lighted to see that Strega, no England. longer fashionable in Italy in those times, was stocked in John Francis Lane prestigious places like the Savoy. And I learned a new flavouring for my ice-cream. Guido Alberti, literary patron,

Some years later, a BBC

n, born actor and businessma April 20, 1909; died August 3, 1996 hat the hell. I got a silk tie my neck. I was strangling the guy. It felt magic. It felt right. Sur-prisingly there was very little olse. A sigh, a groan at first but then nothing. I pulled night. I was excited. It was the tighter. I leant over to watch. His eyes bulged. His face was going grey. He was on his way out of planet Sarth. Then it happened, the tie snapped. He began making noises, loud animal grunts, deep chesty moans The others woke up. I was in trouble. I acted fast. I hit him

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Esquire . . . inside story

will no doubt continue to wreak wonders. It must be captured for the British nation with National Lottery funds, just like the Churchill archive. In the dark ages, holy relics had to be safeguarded from their local admirers; pilgrims such as Fulke, Count of Anjou, who were allowed to kiss wood from the Holy Cross, took fragments away between their teeth. This latter day relic too will require a suit-able viewing case or mon-

strance Further monetary suggestions for the Lottery. From Art and Architecture. Thanks to

had arrived. I saw no future. so

temporary devotion to the aesthetic moment will enter same buzz you get from an armed robbery. Waiting to attack. I can't describe my feel the public realm, where it ngs, I won't try to. But I was on an all-time high. The time arrived. I walked into the dor mitory in my pyjamas with my tie around my waist, out of sight. I climbed into bed and waited. These dormitories

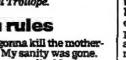
were well observed through out the night. Fuck the night watch. There was no saving the thief. I lay there ... just waiting, like a spider waits for the fly! This was my night. My fly. Some will read this and see me as a callous bastard. Maybe a heartless animal. I'm certainly not justifying my actions. I knew it was over the

old man had given me some years ago, my favourite tie. I

was to strangle him this very

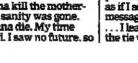
top. I'm a very over the top man. I don't claim to be something I'm not. I'm me. Mad or bad ... I was buzzing. Twelve o'clock, one o'clock. I waited patiently . . . It happened! It was as if I sent the thief a telepathic

message. He moved, he sat up ... I leapt out of bed. In a second the tie was around his ugly



I WAS gonna kill the motherfucker. My sanity was gone. He was gonna die. My time









MY WIFE and I spent Memo-rial Day weekend on the Guff Coast. On the way home to South Carolina we developed car trouble and spent seven hours in a tiny South Alabio has become so widely recognized that a disc jockey could confidently use his the temperatures in the nine-ties, they wanted cush and all the banks were closed, my name to make a little joke well, that just made me feel all the better about life and the world. Thank you, Fabio. the b (My wife's due date is now two weeks away. It's going to be a girl, so we can't call her

my guy". The disc jockey came on and said, "Not even

Fabio?" At those words, a warmth spread through me

and I suddenly felt like every-

thing's going to be OK. I was reminded of Fablo himself

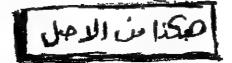
and the ideals he represents.

The heroes he writes about

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didn't get home until 5.30am. We had had to drive through intense thunderstorms and listened to the radio to cheer Fabio, but I'm thinking about Fabia, Fabiola, Fabiotisha.) ourselves up. They played "My Guy", which has the lyr-Stephen Smith, Author of A Vision Writ in Stars and Sand ics "there's not a man today tlangest Fabio poem). The word fan does not seem to sum who can take the away from





the business services group, valuing it at £1.14 billion. Following a five-hour meeting, the Christian Salvesen it had wa

ing some £136 million from the group's market value. However, analysts said the Chris Masters, said Hays's offer of 390p had not been "fifall would have been worse

nancially compelling", add-ing that he believed there was had Salvesen not added that it little "industrial logic" to the was "actively reviewing various measures to improve shareholder value", including proposals. Mr Maste

and not do anything."

Hays's interest leaked out] Under the terms rejected by Salvesen yesterday, Hays raised its initial cash-andshares offer from 370p to 390p,

- bringing the total

hostile bid. Responding to the Havs chairman, Ronnie Frost said he could not understand Salvesen's decision, but

out the support of the Salvesen family, said he had made himself available for discussions with the family throughout the negotiations. stressed that Hays - whose shares closed up 3p at 435p -He said: "They could have contacted me, but they chose to, I can't through acquisitions and or- they threw out the offer, but

getting tougher, with health budgets around the world coming under increasing pressure as governments look to make cuts in healthcare recommendations published spending, and with the curthree years ago and which are rent growth of the over-thenow being examined by UK civil servants. NIESR show But Zeneca is doing pretty that GDP in the UK would I'm not on the Salvesen board -- and I'm glad I'm not a well. The spending needed to have been 2.4 per cent higher get its new drugs to market may be pushing up costs though an operating margin of 31.7 per cent is hardly pal-try. And the company is promising to maximise returns for shareholders. That should be enough for even the most demanding in-vestor. It should be left to get on with the job.

transfer payments, as they are at present, the impact on GDP would be marked Using United Nations

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to 406p. Central to the rejection apasset sales, or a demerger. Among the businesses Sal-vesen is thought likely to sell company would be able to put pears to have been lack of "a missed opportunity". Mr the best interests of shareholders", and that it would not be recommending it.

Barclays gives surplus £465m to shareholders

Financial staff

EARLY fl billion will have been returned to shareholders in Barclays Bank during the past year after a new wave of share repurchases announced yesterday.

an increased offer from Hays.

decided the offer was "not in

Barclays - exhibiting caution on all fronts despite the surging economic recovery said it had more capital than it needed and had no wish to hang on to surplus funds.

A spokesman for the fi-nance union BIFU, John Bancroft, said in a statement however "Over the last year alone more than 1.200 staff have lost their jobs, including over 300 branch monagers. and there are another 1,000 jobs at risk next year." The union said there was

no evidence that cost-savings were passed on to customers. Reporting a 15 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits, to £1.3 billion, the hank stud it would not partici-pate in a lending scramble, like that of the late 1980s. Its commercial loan book was litthe changed in size, said the ing Sumitomo's rogue trader, chief executive. Martin Yasuo Hamanaka.

Taylor. "We continue to put the quality of our loan assess ahead of ... size." he added. Low-quality lending oppor-tor daylor whose new home at Canary Wharf in London's Canary Wharf in London's docklands has recently been tunities abounded, he said, costing Barclays £1 million a but Barclays would avoid them. Nor would the bank day. He said he would like the investment bank to use its pay excessive salaries or bopowerful new computers to take on more risk. At present, nuses to staff working for its City offshoot. BZW - in con-trast to some competitors. BZW took small trading risks. Barclays was also cautious

The Barclays figures about the prospects for Brit-ish banks participating in the showing profits up to £1,296 million from £1,125 milsingle European currency if the United Kingdom remains lion in the first half of last year -- were generally well outside monetary union. On whether the City would be handicapped dealing in the euro, Mr Taylor said: "There received in financial markets, although some of the 27%n share-price rise to 872%p was accounted for by the buycertainly is scope for bother." back.

"I don't expect people on the Continent... to be posi-tively obstructive, but there seems no reason why they This will be Barclays' third share repurchase wave in one year. It bought \$190 million worth in August 1995 and £306 million worth in Februshould do us any favours either," he added. ary. With the latest scheme worth £465 million, the total

Results were disappointing in metals trading and foreign-exchange dealing, where "revenues were held back by for the state of the stat worth 1405 million, the total approaches £1 billion. Operating income rose 6 per cent from last time to £3.8 billion, while operating expenses dropped 2 per cent to £2.4 billion. The interim dividend recent will be the flat market conditions". Mr Taylor said BZW dealt in cop-per but had not been sucked into the mbroglio surrounddividend payout will be 11.5p per share, a 21 per cent rise on 9.5p last time.

Pauline Springett

RETAIL group King-fisher has capped per-formance-related bonuses for staff of its B&Q home improvements chain after bumper profits threatened to trigger huge payouts. The scheme, set up last year, had offered B&Q managers 25 per cent of any profit above that forecast for their stores. Fewer

senior staff were offered smaller percentage payouts. The bonus was un-limited, but has now been altered to prevent anyone carning more than twice their salary. There are 260 B&Q super-

centres, each with a store manager and several junior managers. B&Q's operating profits declined by £27.6 million to

£55.4 million for the year to February 1996. But Kingfisher said the stores' per-formance had since improved sharply. Last year Jim Hodkinson,

head of B&Q, received a package of £480,000, including bonuses of £141.000.

Rebocce Smithers Political Correspondent HE row over "fat cat controllers" in the pri-vatised railway industry escalated yesterday as new figures showed that

bosses in the newly-floated track authority. Railtrack, boosted their pay by 30 per cent last year as staff salaries slumped by 7 per cent. Railtrack's annual report, published yesterday, reveals that the salaries of its chair-

man and executive directors leaped by 29.6 per cent to \$732,000, from £565,000 in the last financial year. The highest paid director was director Norman Broadhurst, who received a pack-age worth £222,000, - 5.42 per cent more than the £197,000 he earned the previous year. This included £28,000 of pen-287 million.

sion payments and bonuses totalling £39,000. Part-time chairman Bob Horton carned £167,000 for his three days a week - an 11.84 per cent increase on the previous year's £154,000, which included a £36,000 ho-

tracted considerable contro-versy over his handling of the 1995 signal workers' strike, has notified the board that he would be prepared to stay on beyond the expiry of his initial contract next year. The pay bill is boosted by

addition of two new executive directors, engineering and production director Brian Mellitt and commercial direc-tor Michael Howell. The lat-ter, appointed at the beginning of March, was paid £19,000 for one month's work, including a £4,000 bonus. The directors' pay bill

soared by 25 per cent from £930,000 to £1.18 million. While staff numbers rose slightly from 11,340 to 11,358, Railtrack lopped a massive 521 million from its overall wages bill, increasing it to £267 million from

Labour's transport spokeswoman, Glenda Jackson, said: "It seems that not a day goes by without another fat cat jumping abroad the privatisation gravy train. Unless John Major starts to condemn these excesses, tarpayers will draw the conclusion that the nus. Mr Horton, who at- fat cats have got his tongue."

KipperWilliams

Barclays' glitz

BarcLAYS' ability to generate cash is impres-sive at present. So is its the ratio of the public sector deficit to GDP. willingness to hand some of that cash to shareholders. A share buy-back programme during the last year, includ-ing the \$465 million tranche announced yesterday, has not left the bank much change from £1 billion. Barclays had been open-

handed with its cash because choose between the kudos of bouncier GDP figures or the it reckons it is better off concentrating on the quality, rather than the quantity, of its loan book. But while that might indi-

new standard. For Britain, the UN system of GDP calculation could be one statistical

News in brief

rho re-purchasing the 33 per sent stake in its Metropole chain for about £251 million The move was approved de-

tious research project. The Talisman, is aimed at giving PCs the same graphics capa-bility as \$50,000 (233,000) workstations.

Lonrho deal backed

The Lonrho trading conglomerate yesterday took a significant step towards the year end flotation of its hotels operation after shareholders gave their backing to a deal with the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company (Laadding that 1994, in hindsight, fico). The deal, which was unhad not been the best time to weiled in June, involves Lonlaunch such a fund.

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Unhappy at work? Disappointed in bed? No social life? Have a sandwich Dan Atkinson and many scientific triumphs, it depression and resembert, initability, million". They failed to weren't quite there yet. To be depression and resembert, release workers for the export certain of success, they

Sarah Ryle chew over the latest answer to stress

(W) productivity, work-place stress, the break-slown of community, and above all, disappointment in hed rank among the evils of our time. But they can be ban-ished - not with drugs, alcohol or a moral crusade, but with sindwiches.

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This extraordinary breakthrough comes from Boots, the chemist and medicines group. Its researchers, having already given the world Ibuprofen, the anti-milammatory drug, now offer the ultimate Thing cure-all. And, as with so]

In fact, all those snubbed sandwiches "could cost Brit-Boots invested buge sums in a new line of super-fresh sandwiches then commisish business an estimated £32 sioned a survey which, to Boots's horror, demonstrated the incredible shrinking nature of the British lunch break: 20 per cent of office workers never take the full hour, 20 per cent regularly ain's hi skip lunch completely, and 2 (contrac per cent miss the meal break Durex); every day. Disaster loomed. All those sandwiches would curl on the

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"decline in effectiveness". But Boots's researchers sex. Sure enough, they were

April 19: Only one in 10 northern readers enjoy8 romantic fiction (bookseller Dillonsi:

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equal to the task: of those who skip lunch, "two-thirds say their relationship with their partner is affected when they are stressed and 40 per cent say their sex life also suffers" Stir in fax machines, the infobahn, and the personal computer and you have an atomised, sex-starved workerant devoid of community and leisure. Fortunately, the antidote to this Decline of the West is at

hand: sandwiches "provide one of the healthiest lunches as they tend to contain a good

tend also to be lower in fat than some cooked meats or fast food." Absolutely.

mixture of nutrients," claims Boots. Well, of course. "They

ALL MEN MISS LUNCH SOMETIMES 173 No. 1/1

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business is concerned, chief ******************************* **Clearance** for **BCCI** creditors

unpopularity of bigger payments to Brussels? Bank on resistance to the cate a degree of rowing back on risks as far as the lending executive Martin Taylor had massage too far.

spite opposition from some shareholders,

Microsoft branches out

Microsoft, the computer software group, yesterday sig-nalled its determination to branch out into microchip de-sign by unveiling an ambithe summer of 1991 after the Bank of England ied a world-





Some workers, of course will never be persuaded to find time for lunch. But no

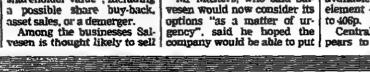
doubt they'll still find time to take part in surveys about it.

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wide shutdown by regulators of its operations in 69 coun-tries. The Luxembourg-based bank was found to be riddled with missing funds totalling billions of pounds.

The High Court yesterday gave directions which should clear the way for the payment of a dividend to thousands of creditors of the defunct Bank of Credit and Commerce In-ternational. BCCI collapsed in



B&Q bonuses

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capped after figures threaten large payouts

would carry on

Rail 'fat cats' cream big rises

in 1990 than it was (£551 billion). The report estimated that the current GDP (£700 billion) would be raised by about the same percentage. **NIESR director Martin** Weale, who is one of Chancel-lor Kenneth Clarke's panel of

independent advisers, argued that this particular technical adjustment would have a practical impact on Britain's role in Europa, even if it would not make its qualification for a single currency easier by significantly altering

The problem, according to Mr Weale, is that the new system would raise Britain's po-sition in the European GDP league, and so could boost payments to the EU's fund — which are determined by output and VAT takes. That would present politi-cians with a dilemma: how to

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS Battle to poach current account customers continues to flare, Rachel Baird reports



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tomers will inten today as the Halifax unveils plans to poach other banks customers with a revamped

Its move comes just weeks after Barclays introduced a free 48-hour overdraft facility in a bid to entice new customers to its branches, backed by an advertising campaign featuring a scorpion and promising "no stings attached". While current accounts are

hardly profitable they pro-vide a crucial springboard for the sale of lucrative life insurance, pensions, loans, credit cards and mortgages. Current accounts also pro

vide valuable information about people's income and spending patterns, which helps with "cross selling" other products, said Abbey National spokeswoman Lorna Waddell. Banks make their money through cross selling, says a spokesman for one of the hig four banks.

Halifax's latest attempt to grab more of the current account market involves renaming its Maxim account Hali-fax Current Account and improving its terms, although some charges have been raised Apart from giving a 24-hour

telephone banking service, Halifax is also promising a £100 interest-free overdraft, free cash machine withdrawals and is matching Barclays' offer of a free 48-hour overdraft in every month. At present, it has less than

3 per cent of the current account market but claims to be winning some 7 per cent of the new-to-banking market. Around 700,000 people open their first current account each vear. The Halifax is clearly bop-

ing to poach customers from others, by offering transferees

Conditions are tougher for new entrants to the banking market because established players are putting more ef-fort into retaining their cus-

omers, says a Halifax spokes woman. This may help explain why current account custom dissatisfaction with banks has declined over the past year, if last week's Abbey National survey of 2,882 cur-rent account holders is anything to go by. The bank reckoned that 6 million current account customers were

dissatisfied in 1995, against 2.5 million people this year. Dissatisfaction matters be cause it makes it harder for

banks to cross-sell other products to current account hold ers. Customers will not want a life insurance policy from a bank which gives them bad service. Banks and building societ

ies must steal each others customers if they want many more current accounts, be cause 90 per cent of people have a bank or building society account of some sort. The war for customers is waged quite openly and all the major

banks have special "transfer packs", while some offer financial incentives to woo competitors' custom

The idea of boosting the profitability of current accounts by reintroducing charges even for people in credit is being pursued by some banks, most recently Barclays. However, they face a "severe marketing challenge" because people can still get current account services for free, cautions a report from management consultancy Datamonitor this week.

But, Royal Bank of Scotland, which launched a current account with charges in April, claims that more than 60,000 people have got one of a 60-day wavier of charges for the new Royalties accounts.

the six-month period - a 32

per cent increase over the

same period the year before. After the stripping out of exceptional losses of £52 mil-lion, which related mainly to the sale of its US headquar-

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Societies' credit standing 'at risk'

Nargaret Hughes Personal Finance Editor

HEN four of the larg-West building societies become publicly quoted banks next year, the credit position of the remaining societies in global capital markets will come "under rating agency Moody's. Moody's argues that "un-certain demand for hous-

ing, increased mortgage apetition, together with ongoing and aggressive margin cuts" will make it "increasingly difficult for the remaining smaller and less diversified societies to which will be the second

rent regulation". Moody's said the credit standing of smaller build-ing societies was the most likely to deteriorate, because they would probably find it difficult to maintain low costs. Increased competition, leading to incentives for new mortgage clients. could also mean more

Moody's predicts that an oversupply of mortgage fi-nance "will make mergers necessary for larger societbright indeed. ies as well as small and me dium-sized operations". However, the Bradford & Bingley Building Society,

keep costs down under cur- | largest society once the planned conversions go ahead. attacked Moody's assessment as "too gloomy and based on out-of-date information". John Wriglesworth, di-

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rector of strategy and communications at the B&B. said "I find it difficult to understand why Moody's are painting such a pessimistic picture of the out-look for building societies, which according to all the current evidence is very

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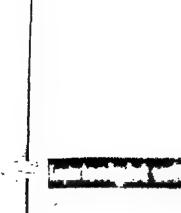
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Patrick Docovar City Editor

RITISH Petroleum in-

Creased its dividend for the fifth time in two

years yesterday as it an-nounced that a sharp increase

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By hand ... Student lise Oelbers is taught boatbuilding from scratch PHOTOGRAPH G

Student boatbuilders who Drug group's strength chart a worldwide course makes dealers quail

WORKFACE/Old skill is revived in Lowestoft, says **CHRIS BARRIE**

LOVE and understand-ing of wooden boats ns scant guarantee of a job anywhere in the world. But a qualification from a boatbuilding college, in Suffolk's most economically depressed town. is prov-ing a good enough passport for many college students to find work as far away as New Zealand and the US. All find

work before they graduate. John Elliot, principal and owner of the International Boatbuilding Training College in Lowestoft, says: "If you want to wander the world, you need to be a den-tist or a boatbuilder." And preferably a boatbuilder who works in wood, despite the fact that nine out of 10 boats are built in glass fibre.

His college is deluged with applications from would-be boat designers, builders and boatyard managers. So many apply for the 60 places open each year, that the college uses psychometric tests in an effort to select only those who will succeed Some applicants want to

come to Lowestoft simply to learn the advanced carpentry and joinery that is the kerneand joinery that is the kerne-lof the course. Some are school-leavers. Many are people fed up with careers in the professions. And many, such as 32-year-old lise Oelbers, hear about the course on an international grapevine. Ms Oelbers gave up a

career in Amsterdam to work with wood. She acknowledges that learning to build a boat from scratch in just 13 months was physically, as well as mentally, demanding, but it was worth it: "Wood," she says, "is such a beautiful material.

material." boatbuilders the consolation In the boatyard sit the skel-is a real likelihood of constant etal outlines of clinker dinemployment, if not in boa-

ghies, a 37-foot ketch, and the hulls of future lifeboats. The keel of what will be a 29-foot these trades are needed in boat making, and are taught at the college. yacht sits in the sunlight. Chris Ferri, a 38-year-old

marine engineer. who renounced the steel and con-Mr Elliot's effort is aimed at an international skills cricrete world of the North Sea sis, rather than local employ oil platforms for Lowestoft.

ment problems. Set up by boating industry executives alarmed at the shortage of skilled craftsmen, the college gestures at the exposed backbones of the boats. Fibreglass is too important to be totally was bought by Mr Elliot, its ignored on the course, but Mr former manager, after its multiplicity of owners proved Ferri dwells on wood: "It is alive to us. It bends, twists too cumbersome. He was aware that tradi-

and shapes." He adds: "Look at how the grains run." The beauty of the craftstional skills were dying out so he has concentrated on teachmanship seems a world away from the reality of commering wooden techniques. The cial boating in Lowestoft. The country's most eastern town instructors are aware that they are passing on tradi-tional skills which would has been hit by the decline in otherwise be lost; they are in their 50s and 60s, and the colfishing, which has cost 1,700 jobs since 1980, not counting lege is now training students interested in becoming future

instructors. The college is undoubtedly a sound business. Students pay £6,000 each for the course

— and living costs can amount to another £9,000. The students make boats to order, thereby contributing to college overheads. The course is also the epit-

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ome of a private sector solu-tion to a skills shortage. Mr Elliot is unashamedly ruththe jobs lost in associated in-dustries, such as food processless in his approach to his charges.

ing and shipbuilding. One in five males were un-employed in spring 1994 when the European Commission Once accepted, students face assessment during the year on their timekeeping and attitude. A full diploma is singled the town out for only awarded to those who demonstrate "exemplary special assistance. Most recent data suggests effort". Students clock on and off. As the course literature says: "The college's rules, reg-ulations and work ethics that 9.5 per cent of the workforce are unemployed in Lowestoft and the surround-ing area. Much of Lowestoft looks in poor repair, the salt and wind leaving a worn beauty behind in some places, dilapidation in others. Pay for those in work is low, between 10 and 15 per

closely reflect those of the boating industry." Agreeing that the collage aims to produce not just skilled students but also "good employees", Mr Elliot says that boatbuilding needs cent below the national average. That applies to boatbuildgood timekeeping because it is a team effort. He adds: "We ing as well, where even highly skilled craftsmen will make only 28 an hour. For are not here to take up training places with people who will not put their backs into

OUTLOOK/ Zeneca whether Zeneca had received a takeover bid from fierce treal Smithkline Beechum. has become a victim The reason for the fall in Zeneca's price — down 20p to

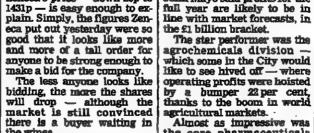
of its own success,

writes IAN KING SPARE a thought for Sir David Barnes. As chief executive of Zeneca, one of Britain's three premier drug companies, he yesterday unveiled a sparkling set of half-year profits only to be rewarded by a sharp mark-down in his company's shares by the City's dealers.

other comference, where any other company publishing such results would be ques-tioned on how such a perforpress conference, where any other company publishing such results would be ques-tioned on how such a perfor-mance had been achieved, Sir David was grilled on whether he expected Zeneca to stay in-dependent, and in particular Yesterday, he railed at the takeover rumours, describing them as "verging on the irre-sponsible". He described reports of merger talks with SmithKline as "wild, unsub-stantiated, wholly untruthful and fictional".

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the wings. It is a problem Sir David, for one, is heartily sick of. Yesterday, he railed at the the core pharmaceuticals business, still contributing al most two-thirds of operating profits, and where a range of new products — including anti-cancer drugs Casoder, Tomudex and Arimidex look set to generate strong

earnings growth over the next few years. However, a niggling doubt surfaced yesterday in the form of a small fall in phar-maceuticals profit margins, caused largely by higher de-velopment and launch costs. More disturbingly. Str David refuses to indicate where he expects margins to be next year, apart from warning that heavy launch costs will con-

tinue to be run up. By contrast, Zeneca's seeds business, now a joint venture with Dutch group Royal VanderNave, has reduced its losses spectacularly, and is expected to move into profit next year.

Similarly, clarity has been improved in the group's speciality division by the sale of the Textile Colours and Speciality Inks businesses. Products like Quorn, where sales more than doubled during the same period, continue to offer great potential. In all, it is easy to see why Sir David is so adamant that Zeneca has plenty of opportu-nities to go it alone. Whether rivals like Roche — another

frequently cited predator will allow it to do so is an-other matter, but for now, Zeneca's size and strengths are almost enough to make it indigestible for any rival,

This helped to offset a sharp Buoyed by firming oil prices and a 7 per cent indownturn in chemicals which crease in production, profits from exploration and producsaw profits collapse from £502 million to £242 million tion soared 34 per cent over over the half-year period. The business has been hit by lower demand from industrial the quarter to £1,488 million. Output was boosted by customers and the effect of three new UK North Sea oil fields coming on stream. European plants being closed The company forecasts that for routine maintenance.

BP insisted that it had taken steps to improve the business, with moves such as

British petrol sales are still losing money because of the fierce price war, but BP expects the business to break even over the second half. **Comparable figures last**

year were depressed by a £62 million rationalisation charge.

BP is still waiting to hear whether the European Commission will approve its costsaving drive to link up refining operations with the USits recent joint venture with Dow chemicals to expand in the polythene manufacturing merger authorities is ex-

Within refining and mar- to sources in Brussels.

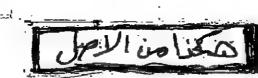


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Call for more cash and less fixtures

Chris Hawkins

S THE British Horseracing Board yes-terday pulled together the final draft of its submission to the Treasury asking for a cut of around 1.75 per cent in gen-eral betting duty to alleviate racing's financial problems, there is a general air of dissat-isfaction both inside and outside the industry. Owners and trainers are be-

moaning derisory prizemoney, bookmakers are going out of business, stable staff are not far from the bread line and the punter, who keeps the whole show on the road, sees himself as mere cannon-fodder. Falling betting turnover

Falling betting turnover fue to the National Lottery and a surfeit of fixtures is res-ponsible for the latest in a long line of crises besetting the sport. The Lottery. of course, is here to stay but, even if the Treasury reacts favourably to due to the National Lottery and a surfeit of fixtures is res-ponsible for the istest in a

Treasury reacts favourably to the BHB, something can and must be done about the suffo-cating number of race meet-

ings which next season will Virtually everyone you meet reach a record high of 1,177. on the racecourse and in betings which next season will reach a record high of 1,177. While the racecourses want as many meetings as they can get, the punters (as distinct from racegoers) do not and there is evidence that the law of diminishing returns has set in in the betting industry. In this respect Sunday rac-ing has been a major disap-pointment. Seen as the likely panacea for racing's ills by generating extra betting reveting shops is of the same opin-lon but the BHB remains im-

placably opposed to cuts. Rod Fabricius, who as clerk of the course saw attendances drop on two of the five days of the Goodwood festival, has aring that saturation point has been reached. "Ten years ago there were 22 fixtures during generating extra betting is no by generating extra betting reve-nue, it has produced encour-aging attendance figures but very little in the way of in-creased humour. Goodwood week but last week there were 29 - an increase of nearly 80 per cent," points

out Fabricius. "Racing is becoming too available and the product is being spread too widely. I'm not calling foul and I'm all in Survey of competition but we creased turnover. Bookmakers who insisted that Sunday racing could not take place without betting shops are now saying it is favour of competition but we hardly worth opening and are hlaming the poor quality of need a rationalisation of the fixture list. Otherwise the

Levy Board is not seeing value for its money." It is plain common sense that the same level of Levy Board investment — over 530.3 million in prizemoney last year — would be a lot thicker if it were not spread so widely. Owners calculate that their

horse needs to win four races to break even in a season and if it could be got back to the old figure of three they might feel a trille more satisfied.

Sanders a hit with Harmony

SEB SANDERS, substitut-ing for Pat Eddery, came in for a winning ride on Kings King's Harmony is the sixth Harmony, the 11-8 favourite, in the Harringtons of Brighton Handicap yesterday.

Kings Harmony led after a furlong and then forged clear in the straight to beat Ivory's its colours. Brett Doyle moved on to the Grab Hire by three lengths. Peter Makin. the gelding's trainer. said: "Seb had to 34 winners mark on Multi

keep the horse going in the strong headwind. If he hadn't our chap would just have lowthe Allstars by a neck.

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Whatever the outcome of the BHB submission to the Chancellor and whatever the outcome of the fixture list controversy, the sad and irre-trievable fact is that British racehorse owned by Ten Of Hearts, a 10-woman syndi-cate, which has won with racing will remain the pauper on the international stage. every horse that has run in

Cardinal errors have been made - originally and most significantly the failure to establish a Tote monopoly and more recently the selling-short overs SIS — so that the

stables in Lambourn from which he runs a highly successful training operation, writes Chris Howkins.

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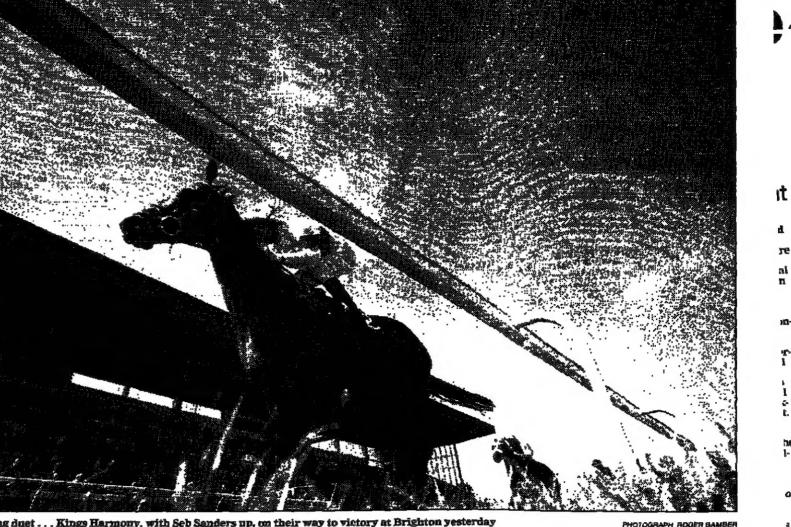
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The only man in this New Yorkshire side who represents the cantankerous professionalism of old is Bevan – an Australian



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HERE is no choice. It's time to come out of the closet. I'm a Yorkshire man. Always have been, pretty much since the day I was born. It will invite

all my kind are boorish, pig-beaded and xenophobic — but I'm just going to have to live with it. Common sense dictates that common sense dictates that shouting your Yorkshireness from the roofbops (we don't Say "one's Yorkshireness" up here in God's country) is best avoided. These, after all, are supposed to be the Sensitive Nineties. But every glance

Uefa Cup, qualifying round, first leg: FC Kosice 0, Celtic 0

with red blemish

receive a seemingly harmless lob from Karasek in his own

ward was still in an unthreat-

ming position on the left edge

Blunt features

not country: Silverwood's out swinger, Vaughan's cover drive, Stemp's flight. Frankly, you've no bloody towards cricket's County idea about the problems of being a Yorkshireman, if you Championship brings on this irrepressible urge to brag. Second place, we proclaim, and, despite worrying indica-tions to the contrary, still don't mind me saying so. We won the last of our 29 champi-

onships in 1968, a decade longer out of power than the Labour Party. Since then we rising! England might have omithave learned to live with humiliation. Adulthood h

the Headingley Test, but those who do turn up, grunbling, to the Great White Rose Refuse Tip will find plenty to console not been one long party. In all that time the sneers have never stopped. Messrs Boycott, Illingworth, Close and Trueman are forever hel n. Conversation will not dwell upon Wagar's yorker or out as representatives of a cussed and dogmatic breed, Caddick's ears but on weight-ier matters, linked to county wen though all are approa ing pensionable age and only Close retains an active connection with the club. Perhap we should be grateful; nobody as far as I know, has yet sug-gested that Julie Burchill was born in Heckmondwike. The truth is, the Sensitive

Nineties have reached York-shire. That and mobility of labour. The only player in the resent side who truly repreits the wise and can

ous professionalism of old is Michael Bevan — and he is an Australian, Young Yorkshire players, politely making their way in the world, have shrunk from his moods like the most earful Jane Austen heroines. It is embarrassing to admit it, but offer them a foaming pint of Tetley Bitter or a bottle of Danish designer lager and the result is no longer a foregone conclusion.

About the only homegrown player to conform to type is the captain, David Byas, and even his Yorkshireness is that of the strong, silent Wolds farmer. He could singlehandedly dig 20 sheep out of a powdrift. stop a runaway

tractor with his bare hands and not boast about it once. Whether or not this vulner

able, young team wins the championship, Yorkshirene is now synonymous with fore-sight. While British sport, disturbed by its Olympic failures toys with sporting academies Yorkshire are already enjoy-ing the fruits of their own. True, its concept of a broadased education may be limted - three months of aets followed by half an hour on how to use a Visa card — but ts results are undeniable

Bob Appleyard, an England bowler of the 1950s, argued the academy's case so persistently that golfing partners,

down the left. His legacy, though, will be immense More than 20 per cent of ricket is nourished in York shire, vast proportions of it contentedly multiracial. An Asian in the Yorkshire side will automatically follow. In the desolate years the local leagues turned in on themselves, interest returning only when a journalist vented his frustration on BBC Radio Leeds while under the influence of drink/gout tablets (delete as applicable). Nov lovalties are strong again; and for Yorkshire to escape Hea

having observed him slice his drive down the right, were ru-moured to hook deliberately need to be. Those still convinced that

"breeding will out" should consider Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, whose very unpopularity arises from the perception that he is curt and contempt

we supposedly cherish. What Yorkshire need is a slogan to ram the message home. Something harmles inoffensive, bland. Something young and optimistic. How about "New Yorkshire, New Britain"? That should do the trick Amazing we be ht af it be



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UNINSPIRING muddle of a match ended with Celtic as short-priced favourites to reach the first round proper of the Uefa Cup. If not any fitter by the time of the second leg in Glasgow, they will surely be significantly

sharper The young forward Simon Donnelly will not, however, be playing any part in the at-tempt. He was justifiably sent off for a wild lunge at Janocko of Janocko. The Kosice fornine minutes into the second

of the penalty area when Mar-shall compounded the error It was the Parkhead side's good fortune to encounter opponents whose scoring atby diving clumsily and pulltempts and all-round play were as slipshod as their own. The Slovakians even maning him down. The goalkeeper leapt again

a few seconds later, this time aged to miss a first-half penalto his left, to hold Zvara's attempt at the conversion. ty: and Marshall in Celtic's enal, who had committed the He had not been on his feet

long when the referee pulled offence, retrieved his standhim up for taking too many steps. The indirect free-kick ing by making a string of It was not so much one inciwas pushed to Kozak and his

dent as a mini-series of them powerful drive was kept out by the line of defenders rushwhich demonstrated the slug-gish, frequently dishevelled ing from the scal-line. Yet, despite the disorder of play of Celtic during most of a game in which they looked as

most of their endeavours though they were having dif-ficulty in summoning suffi-Celtic had missed an opportunity which was almost as good as a penalty before Marcient interest in their own shall committed Marshall moved forward to

aberration. Thom came in from the left and fed Cadet, whose quick turn finished with a shot which came off a post. The ball bounced straight to half, then seemed to nod off as he fumbled the ball at the feet O'Neil and the big defe very carefully, drove it low towards what looked like an empty net. He had deliberated so long, however, that Horn-yak had been able to rush back and he blocked the ball on the line. Later Cadete surpassed that

affort, snaking on to Janocko's misdirected header chipping the helpless Juraoka nding the l



Dons dance to Dodds' double time

BILLY DODDS scored | for the substitute Duncan two goals and laid on | Shearer in the last minute. two more as Aberdeen The Aberdeen manager made almost certain last Roy Aitken said afternight of place in the first wards: "This was a magnif-icent team performance." Wales's Uefa Cup repreround of the Uefa Cup with a 4-1 win over Zalgiris Vilnius in Lithuania. sentatives Barry Town face

Dodds scored with a vola formidable task in their second leg after falling 3-1 to Budapest Vasutas in ley in the 43rd minute and a penalty in the 80th after being fouled. He also set up Hungary, where Mark a 70th-minute goal for Ovendale was sent off two Stephen Glass and another minutes from time.

of the far post. Desnite the general poverty of the performance, however, Caltic should ensure another elimination to add to the undistinguished record of their Slovakian opponents, who have never passed the first round of European competition.

WC Kosies Jursoku: Koziej, Karaek, Sovic (Obshhit, Simin), Zvara, Janocko (Latik, 65), Kozak, Kral. Prazenica, Kornyak, Ruanak, Gablies Marshall; McNamara, Boyd, O'Noil, McKinizy, McSiay, Grant, Thorn, G'Donnali (Wieghorst, 64), Donnelly, Cadote (Van Hooydonk, 78).

est K Plautz (Austria).

Celtic flier . . . Cadete surges forward as Kosice's Kozak gives chase in last night's Uefa Cup tie

League promises review as Stevenage lose appeal Smith lightens

lan Ross TEVENAGE Borough's Slengthy battle to win promotion to the Nationwide Football League ended in failure yesterday. The GM Vauxhall Conferchampions will, however, take solace from the fact that their determined efforts

to right a perceived wrong may ultimately bear fruit. requirements. League officials admitted y bear truit. League officials admitted y bear truit. League officials admitted y bear truit a review of the structure of the guessed within seven international mid-gesterday that a review of the guessed within seven international mid-gesterday that a review of the seven guess claim that the League's and from the Court of Appeal of the first strike by some of ballers inched closer as the action does seem likely." The League's and from the Court of Appeal of the structure as the court on the review of the seven are judgment as their case had changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes and changes and changes and the professional foot-so too, it would seem, are judgment as their case had changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes and the court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes and changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes to the controversial rules that denied Stevenage day the Court of Appeal changes the union should rules the tot closer as the rules appeared to the structure appeared to the structure appeared from the structure appeared from the pay 10 per cent of television be worth files. Although a High Court judge recently upheld Staven-age's claim that the League's deadline was unfair. he said

The Five Nations dispute

seems likely to rumble on for

a further 10 days after the

Scottish RFU president Fred McLeod said yesterday that the home unions had no plans

to meet the Rugby Football Union this week. "We remain

neither confident nor pessi-mistic." he said, adding that

Scotland, Wales and Ireland

Sport in brief

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Stevenage were barred Lord Justice Hobhouse, sitfrom automatic promotion be-cause their stadium facilities ting with Lord Justices Millett and Swinton-Thomas, were not up to the required standard by December 31 of ruled that the refusal was a 'just outcome". last year, the League's official deadline. Since then the club The League spokesman Chris Hull Indicated that a review of the whole mechahave carried out extensive building work to produce a 6,000-minimum capacity and nism for promoting clubs to the Third Division would be undertaken as soon as poss-ible. "We will take on board to meet other outstanding

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he said. "There is a slight consolation in that we may have earned a victory for common sense for the future. "Other clubs may reap the

benefit rather than us but in the light of what the judge said in the original case the League must surely see that their criteria for promotion are unfair." Meanwhile, the prospect of

Woodflarvie (Aus) bit R Renaborg (US) 6-3, 6-3, T Hamman (GB) bit J Slemartnik (Neth) 5-3, 5-2, A O'Brian (US) bit M Finitipous 36 (Aus) 6-4, 6-4. Bit RAJTERR WorkEN'S OPEN (Mon-breil, Carly First rotanth A Costar (SA) bit R Grande (10, 6-3, 6-2; K Halmondown (Biorvak) bit S Schott (Aut) 5-0, 6-0, A Pra-mier (US) bit A Funal (Pr) 6-0, 7-4; N Tam-alest (Pr) bit A Carteson (Swo) 6-2, 6-4; K Litheoriesen (Rus) bit L Neiland (US) bit J Neigetty (Can) 7-6, 6-1; B Tanstaul (Pr) bit R Simpton (Son) 6-3, 2-6, 5-3; B Tanstaul (Pr) bit R Simpton (Can) 6-3, 3-6, 5-3; B Tanstaul (Pr) bit R Simpton (Can) 6-3, 2-6, 2-7, 8 Statistics (US) bit B Ritmar (De) 17-6, 6-2; K Stan-deallower (Slowich) 6 (Lao) Garcia (Bp) 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; N Avereitt (US) bit A Millor (US) bit B Ritmar (Car) 6-2, B Statistics (Aus) bit Scoper (Notin) 8-1, 6-2; F Begerow (Gari bit C Singer (Notin) 8-1, 6-2; R Statistics (Aus) F Lubanni (B 6-1, 8-4; P Begerow (Gari bit C Singer (1001) 8-1, 6-2; R Statistics (Aus) 14 (Ang) bit S Cartesodan (Can) 6-4, 6-2; SAN MARINO WORED SERVED: First (Bal) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; J

promotion at the end of last rejected the club's challenge | feat. "I am afraid that this | League's £25 million deal with | monies to the union - but season. to that ruling. | looks like the end of the line," | BSkyB. | only for specific purposes, Having agreed to hold a which the League now ones thaving agreed to hold a fresh round of negotiations with the players' union on August 23, the League offi-cials were "dismayed" to learn that the PFA's chair-man Gordon Taylor had sug-gested that a strike was "al-most inviteble" feels the need to re-evaluate. "We are disappointed and surprised to hear Mr Taylor's comments," said Williamson. Leeds United have failed in

their attempt to sign Ciriaco Sforza as a replacement for Gary McAllister, who recently joined Coventry City most inevitable". Talks broke down last week and strike ballot papers are due to be issued within sevan the Swiss international mid-

6-2; L Abi (GB) bt T Callow (GB) 6-0, 6-2 - Demone (GB) bt L Ogan (GB) 6-1, 7-4; D

ABSERCAN LEAGUE Milwauke 12, Oakland 3: Boston 3, Toronio 1, Salikingre 13, Cleveland 10; New York 5, Kanses City

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Laudrup's load is a collective responsibility for us. But I believe we'rs in a Patrick Glenn stronger position now to sur-round players like Landrup ANGERS annual joust with the demons of pre-Qualifying for the Cham-

and Gascoigne with players who will support them. The squad is better than I've had pions' League begins tonight, when the champions of Rusfor several seasons." sia, Alania Vladikavkaz, visit Smith's summer recruits

PHOTOGRAPH: JOZEF KLAMAF

Ibrox for the first leg of the preliminary-round tie. Whereas the Rangers man-ager Walter Smith tried to unburden one of his most gifted players, Brian Laudrup, of sole responsibility for the out-come of a difficult assignment, his counterpart Valery Gaz-zayev made some onerous ents about the reading of his goalkeeper, Zaur Kha-pov, to face British opposition

in successive European ties. In the absence of the suspended Paul Gascoigne, Lau-drup will be regarded by the home support as the main man. Smith said: "In recent seasons in Europe, Laudrup has suffered from excessive win a game on his own, even champions of Russi if it sometimes happens; this pects an easy night."

at home - and pointed the finger at Khapov. "I believe we played to a better standard than the English team, but everybody knows the goal-keeper let us down," he said. "I'm not sure if he has his nerve back to face another British team, but I don't want to make too much of it in case

has suffered from excessive expectations. You shouldn't expect any man to go out and said: "Nobody plays the sia and ex-

include the Swedish central defender Joachim Bjorklund from Vicenza and the German midfleldar Jorg Alberts from Hamburg. Gazzavev remembered last season's defeat by Liverpool — with whom his side drew 0-0 at Anfield after losing 2-1 he develops a complex."

ALISTRALIAN OPEN (Alsibourne): Gene-ter-finale II Martin (Aus) bt R Cooper (Aus) 8-10, 9-5, 9-4, 9-5, C Jesteman (Fing) bt L Charman (Fing) 8-2, 9-0, 10-5; C Ownes (Aus) bt L Irving (Aus) 3-6, 8-5, 9-2, 9-5, 8 Finalternial (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng) 9-4, 9-5, 9-0. A new dawn for Day after goalkeeper goes to Palace

after four frustrating years at Tottenham, in a deal which could be worth more than

2500,000. Day, though capped by Eng-land Under-21, never played a competitive game for Spurs. He drops down a division in joining Palace, who recently sold Nigel Martyn for £2.3 million to Leeds.

Palace will pay an initial \$225,000 for the 21-year-old, with a further \$200,000 after

an as yet unspecified number of appearances. If Day wins a senior England cap Palace will pay another

as cover for Ian Walker.

for their Scottish Premier Division opener at Dunfermline on Saturday to be

League management commit-tee accepted Hearts' request for the match to be put hack to give them time to recover from tomorrow's European Cup Winners' Cup game at

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Kevin Vulin, the 21-year-old

New England Collegiate Con-

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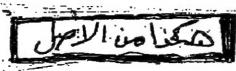
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Figi went top of section two in the pairs when they defeated Kenya 32-9 in the women's world outdoor championships at Learnington Spa yesterday. in the other section the holders. Ircl.ind's Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston, were | Workington Town.

and faces a punishment by the club. **Rugby League** The Oldham Bears centre Darren Abram was cleared by the RFL executive committee of making a dangerous high tackle during Sunday's win at

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CRYSTAL PALACE have At Tottenham, Gerry Fran-cis has taken on a Norwegian chris Day the chance to coalkeeper, Espen Baardson, Chris Day the chance to launch his league career,

Hearts have won the battle

postponed. A special general meeting of the Scottish

Red Star Belgrade.

Carlisle have signed a Frenchman, Stephane Pounewatchy, from Gueugnon. The 28-year-old defender is the Third Division club's first foreien player.

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THE OLYMPIC HOMECOMING



lefies the elements to amile through a typically dank Dublin day as Britain's Kelly Holmes reveals the cost of one race too many Stars and gripes in a tale of two airports

Dublin turns out in force to welcome the golden girl who set the Games alight

CHELLE Smith three gold med-als and a bronze adorning her chest, led the Irish Olympic squad on to the tarmac at Dublin airport yesterday morning, in monsoon conditions. She hardly got as wet as this in Atlanta, she was not in the pool long enough.

Declan Lynch

Stephen Roche, the Repub-lic's football team, Michael Carruth and Barry McGuigan had had it easy with their homecoming fiestas. The only people who were properly ac-climatised to this were the marching bands, who usually

Corcadorcha, where it is always raining and the speeches continue regardless. Pat Hickey, of the Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI), regaled us with the statistic that ireland had finished on top of the medals table, per capita. Essentially, Michelle Smith had beaten the entire United States. He might have stretched another statistic and suggested

aries to impart their sodden cliches, with RTE's cameras

misting up as though they

were covering scenes from

Flann O'Brien's mythical

that if someone dug a big hole right now Ireland would have its 50-metre pool. The baleful gods

was left to the lesser function- I with a Smithian intensity she was stripping in front of all comers before the 5,000 metres heat, just like they did in ancient Greece; switching from Reebok to Asics, she was omething dull. caught up in a hideous squabble of commerce and officialdom which has still to be fully resolved, and for which in olden days men would have been boiled in oil amid scenes

of public rejoicing. Were the heavens weeping here for the absent O'Sulli-van? Smith's medals were like a Lotto jackpot; there had been a much bigger investment in the runner, an emotional investment stretching "My heart goes out to her." said the javelin thrower vailed until the cavalcade

able avenue of physical and | St John was about to sing The psychological malfunction has been explored. Ser condi-either from a heightened tion has inspired the most exsense of irony or because the speech-making was about to travagant urban legends, as speculation runs to cosmic begin again. The crowd was more the

proportions. It was all too weird to have a routine expla size of a political rally than a nation, though we will proba-bly have to be satisfied with national knees-up. They had made enough of a statement by being there, and did not She is an adornment,

feel it necessary to over-ap-plaud the gaps that the digniust of the track but of the uman race, and many Irish taries had left for this purfolk responded to her collapse pose. On a day such as this it as though she were a surro-gate daughter. As RTE's Bill was hard to enthuse about athletes having a dream, just like Martin Luther King, who O'Herlihy put it, wrapping up the post-mortem, for us she will always he a champion. coincidentally comes from

Atlanta. Back at the celebrations, Smith was gracious, sympathe open-top buses were leaving for the GPO in the thetic, and brief. "I can't believe how many people are here this morning." The city centre, the athletes huddled downstairs. The subweather might have improved by the time she reached her home in Rath-coole. Everyone said a few

Gatwick unmoved as Britons make a low-key return

holidaymakers, most of whom

were only waiting for lifts

of well-wishers.

Sailing

Vivek Chaudhary HEY emerged into the arrivals hall, looking tanned and relaxed and content with the events of the past two weeks. Then came the British

Olympic team, quietly slipping in amid the hordes of tourists returning home at Gatwick airport yesterday morning

They're taking their time did not dwell on the few coming out," quipped one tourist. "Well, I suppose victories. they're used to coming last," replied his friend, adding that ment to invest in British sport and was quick to defend the best part of spending the past two weeks in Turkey was that he saw hardly any of the

blame for their poor performance. "It is not that we did not do so well, it is that everyone is getting better,'

The team's arrival went vir-Most team members howtually unnoticed but a small ever. were left comforting cheer went up when Roger themselves with the Olym Black, who won two silver pian adage that it is the takmedals, and the oarsman Mating part which counts. Soma thew Pinsent, Britain's only gold medal success with Singh, a member of the British hockey team, said: "It was an excellent experience. It's Steven Redgrave, emerged to the world's greatest tourns-ment and it was fantastic to be a part of it." greet the small but loyal band But with Britain finishing

36th in the medals table, they James Williams, reached the last 16 in the fenc-ing, was drinking a glass of Black called on the Governchampagne as he was greeted by his family, "We did have a bit of a rough time out there because of the medals count,"

his colleagues. He said: "We did everything we could. The world of sport is getting he admitted. "But all I can is that tougher and the British athwent out there tried to do letes did their best. their best." "We have not put enough Williams confessed that one money into British sport, of the highlights of the Olymwhereas other countries have pics was yesterday's journey done so and seen the results. If home, medals or no medals. "I done so and seen the results. If younger athletes are encour-aged then we will see Britain getting more gold medals."

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strut their stuff on St Pat-rick's Day when bad weather is compaisory. be expressing their displea-the OCI and the BLE, the gear he added: "And my heart of The Tide from the words in Irish She never thought she the OCI and the BLE, the track-and-field organisation, is compulsory. President Mary Robinson, would see the day; and in your daydreams you never goes out to myself." Since O'Sullivan trailed in platform. conscious of her image as a which had dramatically low-It was written by the same pet drenched the streets in The Rain, we were told. RTE's commenta-tor informed us that one Pete compassionate person, spoke | ered the tone of the second miles behind athletes who • Declan Lynch briefly to Smith and the other week of the Games. would normally need a tele-competitors but did not When Sonia O'Sullivan scope to see her way ahead in address the nirport crowd. It should have been focused the distance, every conceiv-Declan Lynch is a columnist with Ireland's Sunday Independent.

Atlanta Olympics. "Even Turkey won more gold medals than we did," he added.

The dearth of medals ensured that the British team were given a tepid reception by a handful of supporters and a slightly larger group of

Rugby League

International match: Scotland 26, Ireland 6

Faldo to strike up with hot Winds ravage Scots look to big man Tait trio in sharpest PGA ever Cowes fleet

Golf

Paul Fitzpatrick at Firbill Park

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LASGOW remained massively unimpressed as international rugby league returned to Scotland for the first time since 1911 at Partick Thistle's football ground last night. Not that there was any ex-

pectation of a packed house, though an official crowd of 1,147 --- that looked on the generous side --- offered some-thing to build on for Scotand's development officer who doubles as their winger Graeme Thompson. There was at least a victory

to celebrate for the Scots, who were beaten by four points in the first meeting between the sides in Dublin a year ago.

It was a less-comfortable win than looked likely at halftime, but Scotland were hulped by the dismissal to the sin-bin of Lowes. Dwyer and Hanlan, which reduced lre-Hanlan, which reduced lre-lieland could find no escape time, but Scotland were

urites Paul Fitzpatrick

hus ambitions to represent Wales in that code too. "But

I don't want to turn my back

Harris is the target of sev-

eral union clubs, Saracens,

Llancili and Cardiff among

them. But Warrington's

on league." he said.

Scotland had lost two of | from Scotland's press their London Broncos repre-sentatives, Terry Matterson and Duncan McRae, before acting half-back for Scotthe match had started. land's second try. Hanlan's well-worked try in They lost their third, Dar-ren Shaw, in only the third the 53rd minute signalled an Irish improvement, but the minute. By the time he was fit

revival withered through illenough to return the home side led 10-0 and looked discipline. The three players went to the sin-bin and Scotespable of more points, which they duly produced through a try from Shaw himself on the land prospered with late tries from Huddersfield's Shelford and Boroughmuir's Mardon. stroke of half-time. It was hard to see how Ire-

and Boroughmuur's Mardon. scortLandr Tait (Less): Cowas (Odaan Bears), Shellard (Huddersfield Glanis), Merden (Scroughmur), Thernstein (Edinburgh); Crowther (Shelloid Eagles), Reseas (Workington Town); Cansba (Aberdsen), Russell (Carlisle), Kettaridge (Halitas Bare Sce), Shew (London Broncos), Mileer Phademineld Glants), Caesak (Carliste), Subastitutess Biee (Loughborough), Calissow (Dundee Institute), Simes (Parid's), Bartisck (Workington Towl), BitLaND, Fey (Kilamey); Comeariord land would crack a deter-mined Scotland defence although they almost managed it two minutes before the interval when Child looked cer-tain to score but was bundled into touch by a fine cover tackle from Tait.

Obriotis), Blartesk (Northogen Town), PRELAND, Proy (Kliarney); Canserford (Dublin Blues), Califiel (Walutied Trinity), Headam (Hunciet Havis), Garden (Bangor Vitnogo), Gurth (Dublin Blues), Complexe (Ochum Bears); Caney (Swinton Long), Nortast Caney (Salinot Long), Nortast (Hult), Barguese (Salinot Rada), Lowen (Bradiord Bulls), Salastitutes: Doyle (Dublin Blues), Claary (Dublin Blues), Wyville (Skirlaugh), Kennedy (Bsilast Buccanters). That meant Tait, the Leeds full-back, had excelled at both ends of the pitch. He had opened the scoring in the sixth minute when he took Among & Cummings (England)

it was no surprise when Car-lisle's Russell went over from

tomorrow. The event has attracted

more of the world's top players than any other major ever, displacing the 1993 Open Championship won by Greg Norman at Royal St George's. Aithough Severiano Balles-teros, Sandy Lyle, Jose-Maria Olazabal and Barry Lane have withdrawn, the field includes 48 of the top 50 in the Sony rankings, and 82 of the top 100. At St George's the figures were 47 and 78. This will worry Nick Faldo

Masters champion is not a man for memorising records, more for taking home trophies, and the enormous Rodman Wanamaker Cup is something he is highly desir-

Player and Gene Sarazen and Sarazen won two of his, the Masters and the PGA,

tional booker Keiron Cunningham has had his transfer request turned down. The 19-year-old, under contract until 2000, has been unhappy at the progress of

David Davies In Louisville major status

Faldo wants to join this HE strongest field in the elite group and to that end spent last week "grinding away on the practice ground" history of the game tees off in the 78th US PGA Championship at the Valhalla at Lake Nona in Florida where he has his American Golf Club here in Kentucky base. "It's hotter there than

here." he said, which means midity to match. "The goal is all four," he said, "and because I've won said, "and because I've won the Open and the Masters, ob-viously there's a little more pressure on the US Open and the US PGA. But I don't want to overdo it; I prepare preity well for all four of them. although it's a tough thing to try and act it telefs all through

try and get it right all through a year; your game goes on and off, all that sort of thing." Faldo went on: "You have to set yourself up physically and mentally, and I don't usu ally have any problems men-tally, but physically some-times it's very difficult. You

can see the clock running down and you know your swing is not right. That's very frustrating be-cause you know how well you can do and you're not doing it. You can be playing great and within a couple of weeks

suddenly lose it. That's this game for you." Faido plays the first two weeks' time, he will play in rounds with Steve Jones, the 10 tournaments in 12 weeks."

when they were hardly of | US Open champion, and Tom **Bob Fisher at Cowes** an, who survived Faldo' looming presence in the final pairing at Lytham to win the Open. The trio, by virtue of having each won a major, are clearly the three most successthe racing yachts in Cowes

ful golfers of the year so far. But surprisingly they are not the most consistent. Week yesterday. One boat sank, others were dismasted, stranded, or suffered shredit must have been hot indeed, as temperatures this week in Louisville are expected to be in the high nineties, with huded sails and broken gear on a day when the Solent was more white than green and retirements were more nuures, with the Australian fin-ishing second in the Masters, merous than finishers — in those classes that started in 10th in the US Open and seventh in the Open for a the first place. "Spot the Melgas 34 with a rig" became the shameless cry from some of their rivals total of 19. Els, with 12th, fifth and second respectively, also totals 19. On this basis Faldo in other classes. These excit-ing sportsboats suffered goes 1, 16 and 4 for 21 and Lehman was 18, 2 and 1 for 31 worse than most, with seven also; and, just for contrast, John Daly has finished 29, 27 of the fleet breaking their masts. Three went before they

and 67 for 123. reached the first mark, where Ballesteros has had poor majors this year, finishing 42rd in the Masters, missing the US Open altogether and being cut in the Open. Now be misses the US PGA, and not, as had been thought, because he is unwell. Roddy Carr, his manager, soid uncated out Mike Lennon in Raw Hyde led from David Clarke in Snickers Workwear. But the Melges 24 devasta-tion had only just begun, for in due course five ran ashore, some hirting rocks and retiring with damaged manager, said yesterday: "The health of his game made keels. Others pulled out with tattered sails, leaving only a the decision for bim. He was very disappointed with the

way he played at Lytham. "He is working very hard on the practice ground at Pedrena and, starting with the German Open in two weeks' time, he will play in Maxi-class boats to finish

took these 80-footers out to the Needles in a series of windward-leeward legs. Mike Slade's 84-foot Longobarda USTS of 50 knots over a Gstiff south-westerly wreaked havoc with took over Nicorette's lead when the water-ballast sys-

tem of this Grand Mistral boat packed up, severely reducing her stability, and then she blew out a jib. Longobarda led around Bridge buoy off the Needles, but Nicorette was unmatchable downwind and by West the next short windward leg. Just as this happened, the

mainsheet system of Longo-barda blew up and, with John Caulcutt's Multi Pep and The Russian Team already retired, Nicorette sailed the rest of the race conservatively for her third win in a row.

Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2, a Bashford-Howison 41 steered by Gordon Maguire, pitch-poled on the run, almost cart-

wheeling, and tossed the owner's son Edward into the water. It ended the race for this Class 1 boat, which had previously scored two wins and a second. Glynn Wil-liams's Wolf, a similar boat,

was the Class 1 winner. Greg Peck's Camp Freddie, which won the Round the Island Race last year, looked a write-off after she hit the rocks off Gurnard and was swept ashore with a hole in her side. She was later lifted

handful at halfway. Clarke had gone ahead despite run-ning aground on the Brambles Bank, and stayed clear to win from Lennon. after a gear-bursting race that out by crane.

Long arm of Australia reaches out into Law's NatWest account

Lanks on the same evening. Essex, worried that next Tuesday's game against Surrey might spill over into Wednesday, had asked that over whether Stuart Law will play in Esser's NatWest Trophy semi-final took a step

Peter Edwards, Esser's general manager, said: "All we can do is wait and see what the weather is like. If there is no

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That request was rejected by | But if there is a likelihood of | national at Chelmsford. How-the Australian board, and the tie going into a second day | ever, their 19 year-old all. the tie going into a second day ever, their 19-year-old all-he will have to be left out." rounder Danny Wilson, son of The county's morale later the Hot Chocolate singer towards resolution yesterday Wednesday, had asked that is wait and see what the suffered another blow when Errol Brown, underlined his when Australia insisted he the batsman be allowed to de weather is like. If there is no they lost by 11 runs to South potential with an unbeaten 52 leave for their tour of Sri lay his departure by 24 hours. threat of rain Law will play. Africa A in the one-day inter-Errol Brown, underlined his potential with an unbeaten 52

ESTYN HARRIS, put on offer for £1.35 million by Warrington, insisted yes-torday that he does not want sive games. Harris has St Helens, the Super League leaders, have lost Vila Matautia for the rest to play mion in the winter. After playing 70 successive games, Harris has missed three of Warring-ton's past five matches. of the season. The powerful and versatile Western Sato forsake league for union, moan damaged a knee in victory at Castleford the The 20-year-old Wales "We have a situation where full-back or stand-off, who medical staff at the club say one thing and a player says another," said Warringasked for a transfer two weeks ago, wants to play union in the off season and

becomes painful.

last Friday. Saints, who have three games left as they pursu ton's football executive Alex Murphy. "The lad has been training but, when it

noved at suggestions that I am not genuinely injured. Hopefully I will have a scan chairman Peter Higham on Friday to try to sort out said that a union club would the problem. But I hope to have to pay the full list be playing again as quickly price, and that Warrington as possible."

re-negotiations.

comes to playing, his knee rest of the season. Saints' Welsh interna-Harris said: "I am an-

their first championship for 21 years, have already lost their second-row forward Chris Joynt for the

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Cricket

Harris seeks two-code move

ous of winning, for it would be a giant step towards the

place in history he covers. "I want to win all four," he said yesterday, "it's as simple as that." The one record of

which he is certainly aware is that only four men have ever

won all four majors during their careers, namely Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Gary

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Geordies salute the people's champion Shearer

Tyneside witnessed a fine debut by Billy **Big Pockets**, writes **Michael Walker**

FELT like the moment a mass fantasy became a reality. At five minutes past two yesterday Alan Shearer walked around the lush. pre-season turf of St James' Park, Newcastle, and

a city swooned. Inside the spanking new stadium were 1.400 workers from Newcastle Breweries, which sponsors the club, and outside thousands more waited patiently in the rain. All they wanted was a glimpse of their hero and an assured,

just a sheet-metal worker's son from Newcastle."

Johnny Cash could actually be Shearer's nickname (at Blackburn it was Billy Big

'It's the money you've spent on your replica shirts, your season tickets

money you've spent on your season tickets and your bonds, the programmes and the Black and White

magazines." Nine days ago when Keegan announced the Shearer deal he had described it as "a signing for the people of Newcas-tle". This was a press confer-

ence for the people, and Keegan and Hall took the opportunity to reiterate their Geordie manifesto. The manager said he saw his job as "reinvesting" the

supporters' money. "So when you come to watch the product on the park here it's the very best we feel we can provide. Both Keegan and thought it especially good news that Shearer was a

Geordie returning home. "We nimble performance. Shearer gave them this and even supplied the deadliest of finishes with a line that sounded like a song by Johnny Cash: "After all, I'm just a cheat method with a line that out of the source o

club now.' It was an echo of his "big-gest-thinking team in Europe" remark last week, and he repeated that he in-tended not to sell any of the

current squad and that he would play Shearer alongside, and not in place of, Les Ferdinand

"Despite what some people think, I think they will make a terrific strike force. I think they can both take each other places where they dream about going." Shearer con-

Step up ... David Lloyd will accompany England on tour this winter. Yesterday his sights were limited to his batsmen as he operated Headingley's bowling machine CHRIS THOMOND Lloyd near his dream team

David Hopps on how lan Botham may be the chief beneficiary from Peter Lever's surprise resignation as England bowling coach

VID LLOYD's | the present England team novative reign Further confirmation that nis balls, boxing matches, England coach Lloyd's ebullient and at times musical tapes and candy-floss il be given offi- unconventional approach eating contests (sorry, the last nnovative reign vill be given offinow holds sway comes with the revelation that Peter cial blessing by Test and County Cricket

ability for a winter pro-gramme which offers England Lloyd's inventive use of ten one was made up) was hardly

Lever had in min

markedly coy about Lever's

decision yesterday, but the bowling coach undoubtedly

tle point in employing two left-handed batsmen from the

same era. Lever confined

himself to a brief confirma-

tion yesterday that, although

there had been no falling-out,

there was a "difference in

As for Botham, Lloyd has

hankered after his involve-

as his last autocratic inter

vention as chairman of selec-

tors, determinedly to exclude the possibility.

Acfield report, the examina

styles

a distinct opportunity to improve an abysmal record "I am going to Zimbabwe and New Zealand," Lloyd con too long they have tended

approached by Alan Smith, the TCCB's outgoing chief ex-ecutive, to discuss his avail-in the recently released Ac-England coach may be folfield report, which goes be-fore the Board for approval later this year. Among Lloyd's priorities will be to change the mood of | bility with equanimity.

lowed by his removal from the selection panel if another Acfield conclusion is adopted. The coach viewed that possi-

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"It would make my position easier and give me more



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Pockets), but the world's most expensive footballer res-ponded to questions about his wealth drily. "If money comes my way." he said, "that's fine, I'll deal with it when it comes along. It certainly won't change me. I decided to join Newcastle before money was even mentioned."

He laughed off a report that he would earn £6.17 a second every time he was on the pitch, and said that there was essure from the fee. no pressure from the fee. "Til say it now, and proba-

bly say it time and time again, but the price-tag has nothing to do with me. I don't set that price and all I can do is do my best. If I'm worth £15 million and someone is prepared to pay that, then that's out of my hands."

It was, of course, in the hands of the two men who flanked Shearer on the po-dium. Sir John Hall and Kevin Keegan. When Keegan arrived at Newcastle as a player 14 years ago he was hailed as the Messiah, and now as manager it seemed appropriate that his prodigal son signing should sit on his right-hand side.

Keegan, however, was taking none of the glory; instead, as he frequently does, he chose to praise the Newcastle bling", Newcastle's chief exec-utive Freddie Fletcher was fans. "It's your money," he said of the £15 million. "It's told, but neither he nor anythe money you've spent on one else was quibbling yester-your replica shirts, the day, not in Newcastle anyway.

sey, although he said he would play in any number for Newcastle — "even No. 29". Shearer also had praise for the club he left behind, Blackburn Rovers, and revealed that there was a stage in negotiations with their owner when the striker was swaying towards staying another year. "I had a long meeting with Jack Walker on the Sunday." said Shearer. "I asked him if I

could consider my options and see what I wanted to do." The England centre-forward then flew back from Walker's Jersey home and met Alex Ferguson on the Monday. Then he spoke to his

mentor at Blackburn, Kenny Dalglish, whose advice was typically laconic: "Whatever you do you can't lose Shearer finally met Keegan on the Tuesday and his mind was made up. "Obviously I

was very impressed. Every one knows I've always

wanted to play for the club but if I'd gone elsewhere

would have had the best years

of my career behind me; now at Newcastle I have got the

best years in front of me. And

was name their price. "£15 million and no quib-

thanked Ferd nand for the iconic No. 9 jer-Board this week when he is invited to direct the side on the winter tours to Zimbabwe and New Zealand. When the

news broke yesterday he im-mediately expressed his aspiration to make England the best team in the world by 1999, which sounded adventurous even from a man of such unbounded optimism. One of Lloyd's first undertakings, if he is accorded the power he anticipates, will be to introduce Ian Botham into England's coaching set-up. Lloyd recognises that the great former all-rounder.

spirational figure for many of | principles.

to play in front of my mum and dad at St James' Park is With Shearer's decision made, all Blackburn could do

Lever has tendered his resig As team-mates in the Lancashire sides of the Sixties nation as England's bowling coach from the end of the and Seventies the pair were cordial enough, but they were "I can't say much at the mo not exactly bosom buddles so Lever's departure is entirely understandable. Lloyd was

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ment, but I will be getting my own men in," said Lloyd. There was no difference of popinion with Peter but he was Raymond Illingworth's appointment and he has tendered his resignation.

Lever was appointed by Il-lingworth in May last year and, in common with the batting coach John Edrich, was touted as an uncomplicated man steeped in solid, old-fashhowever much he may have marred his reputation in enlighten England's players other quarters, remains an in- about basic cricketing

able contingency legal occurrences New regime . . . with Peter Lever (left) departing at the end of the season, Ian Botham is already cast as heir apparent the season, has already been

'A sheet-metal worker's son from Newcastle'

continued from page 1 expectedly pointy blue shoes. "Football has never left the area. It's the talent that's gone away. What we're saying here you don't have to leave Newcastle."

And, indeed, there will be economic benefits to the place from buying Shearer. Dozens more staff have been taken on in the club shop to process orders for Shearer shirts.

shopping weekends. The cynic might suggest the chief beneficiary of the Shearer boom will be Sir John Hall, owner of Britain's of this," he added. "Sure, I "For me the seas can't afford to come and come quick enough". biggest shopping centre, the Metro Centre in Gateshead: in an economy built on retail, them, but I'd rather to be in possession of a brand as potent as Shearer is to be king.

not be able to afford to watch my team with Shearer in it than get in to see rubbish." Thousands of extra pounds have flowed through pub tills toasting the new arrival. Hun-yesterday. "Of course Sir his venomous right foot to do from Newcastle."

dreds more Scandinavians will flock in for football and shopping weekends. John's making money out of bis talking; his press confer-ence pronouncements were not in the sandines and trawlas Shearer but earning ers class. Blinking modesily slightly less as one of the in the flashbulb blaze, he limarea's unemployed. "But ited himself to talking of "giv-without him we'd have none ing 110 per cent" and saying "For me the season can't

He also declared: "If money comes my way, that's fine; I'll deal with that when it comes along. It certainly won't change me. After all, I'm only a sheet metal-worker's son "Are

Mrs Donaldson was thrilled by the man. "He's lovely, everything a mother dreams her son to be." she said. "Not one you'd lust over, mind. Not like Sir John. Power. nor that's the real aphrodisiac." Meanwhile, outside the sta dium, the 15,000 fans waited for their new man to appear

on the stage. A sense of parochial triumphalism was on their minds as they ignored the rain and sang as one: watching, you Sunderland?

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Fantasies are also discourteous. Making it with your partner and thinking of his mate or Johnny Depp isn't exactly good manners.

And let's not avoid the loyalty thing: fantasies are disloyal. Oh yes they are. Your heart may belong to daddy but some other succulent part of you is absent without leave.

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day, "and I expect to hear something during this game. The winter coaching person-nel will be suggested by me."

vards the unadventurous scope in my relationship with the players," he said. and suspicious. Zimbabwe, "Tve got no worries about and to a lesser extent New Zealand, are both countries that." where long, monotonous win-

Lloyd anticipates a two- ters can have a detrimental Yorkshire my Yorkshire, P14

The Lloyd method

 An encouragement of debate in preference to an intractable jumped before he was pushed. Edrich had already beaten a quiet retreat, there being litbelief in "the right way".

The use of boxing to improve hand-eye co-ordination.

 Inspirational slogans in the dressing room, along the lines of "The ambition to win is important, but the ambition to train to win is most important of all".

"Cuddles" for players as well as kicks up the backside.

• Close-catching practice with tennis balls to reduce the risk of finger injuries and to teach the art of "soft hands".

ment since the start of the season, only for Illingworth, in what will arguably be seen Inspirational music tapes, including Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory.

A developing interest in sports psychology.

But Illingworth's retire-ment is imminent, and if the **Guardian Crossword No 20,725**

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